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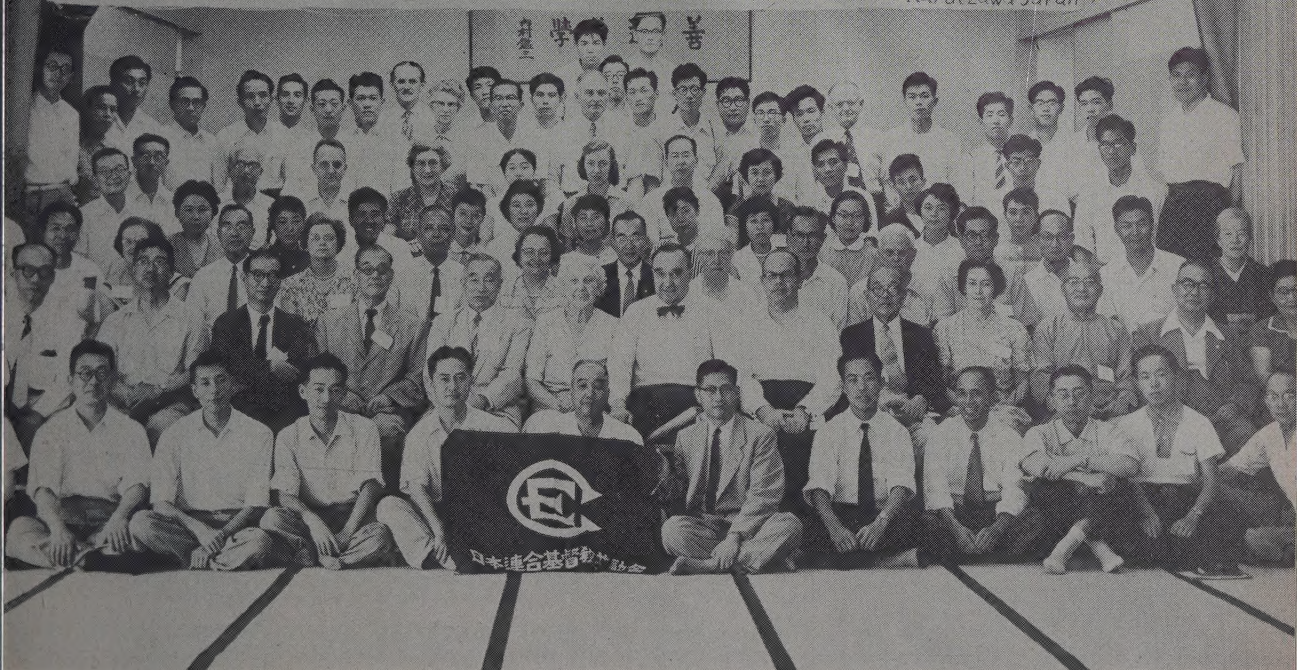
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## From The President

Christian Endeavor across the world has been on the march this summer. Many people in many places have done many things under its auspices. World's Union Conferences in Japan and in Norway have led the way. In states and provinces, from Mexico to Canada, this continent has unfurled the Christian Endeavor banner anew. Greater numbers have been reported generally, with younger delegates being conspicuously in the majority.

It is heartening indeed to see the new evidences of interest and growth in our movement. The editor of a great Christian journal has written. "We are glad to see the rapid strides your movement is making, and we wish to share in it with you." The Rev. Stanley Potter, president of the Australian Christian Endeavor Union, said recently, "All movements of men have their ebb and flow, prosperity and problems. In 75 years Christian Endeavor has had both. For years it has had its ebb time; now it is enjoying its flow. It is flowing ever more strongly through Australia." From many points in the world this could be echoed.

From Korea, where our movement, together with the entire Christian church, shows a first century spirit, a new set of goals demonstrates the surety of advance. Among the items are these: A. Each member must convert one in a year; B. Set up crusade of growth in our neighborhood; C. Offer tithe.

Pacific Region Vice-President Cecil Jeffery brings a glowing report of the Mexico National Convention held near Mexico City. Great plans for advance were envisioned for the coming year. On the opposite coast Regional Vice-President Roland Blodgett, and in the Southwest Region Regional Vice-President Mary Moffitt, are "beating the bushes" for this great work. Newsletters are being sent out, calls are made, new organizations are being established. In every region our representatives are working hard. Canada reports a great summer school experience.

Eyes are being turned to the great Northwest where plans are being developed daily for one of our greatest conventions. Portland, Oregon, next July 8-13 will be the busiest and most important city we know, as it becomes the Youth Capital of the Continent for the week. There's a splendid team there headed by Presbyterian layman Philip S. Hitchcock, already hard at work, preparing for the rest of us to "Hit the Oregon Trail."

Yes, indeed, we are on the march! The hour is challenging, the need is great, our Saviour is able, and youth are willing to be used in the great cause.

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This is the season of the every member canvass through the Christian Church. Congregations everywhere are preparing their budgets, that their work may go forward adequately.

Let Christian Endeavorers lead the way. Stewardship is a familiar subject with our traditional Tenth Legion emphasis. Each Endeavorer may new show his faith by his works. Let the tithe be given to the church by youth; it will be a testimony to the adults. Endeavorers, too, should volunteer to assist in the church Campaigns, by visitation, serving of meals, clerical assistance, and by prayer. By this we show forth our Third Cardinal Principle, "Loyalty to Christ's Church."

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There were many, many places of interest that your president was privileged to visit this summer, during the Fellowship Tour to the Orient. He wishes he might report on each, and share the inspiration of each visit with all who read here. Obviously impossible, permit him just to say a tremendous "thank you" to all who shared in any way in making the trip such a glorious experience.

*Earle W. Gates*





Christian Endeavor Tour Group Before Boarding Plane

# Endeavorers Visit Japan

By EARLE W. GATES

*President, International Society  
of Christian Endeavor*

"Christ For The World—The World For Christ." This was the dynamic theme of the Pacific Area Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, held at Karuizawa, Japan, July 30 to August 2. Across the world Endeavorers were meeting in significant fellowship this summer. Followed in a few days by the Area II Conference, held in Oslo, Norway, the Conference in Japan set the stage for great ecumenical advance.

The members of the International Fellowship Tour, twelve in number, were most capably cared for by Harold E. Westerhoff, treasurer of the World's Union, who was also Tour Director. These delegates were: Dr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Poling, Mr. Ernest R. Bryan and Carolyn Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Phillips Starbuck, Miss Frances Becker, the Misses Lorraine and Roxanna Schlimm, Mrs. Stella Winn, Harold E. Westerhoff and Earle W. Gates.

"Wish you were here" is often written by travelers. If ever there was a time the American delegation earnestly desired to say this, it was during the revealing days of this conference. Here a new world was opened, both to the Oriental delegates as they eagerly sought knowledge of their brethren abroad, and to those who had flown nearly half way around the world to strengthen the work of God's Kingdom through Christian Endeavor's ministry.

Many enchanting experiences were enjoyed before and after the Conference, in the noisy, reckless traffic of Tokyo and in the mountain fastnesses that nestle about Fujiama, in the industrial centers of Yokohama and in the scenic fields of rice and tea,

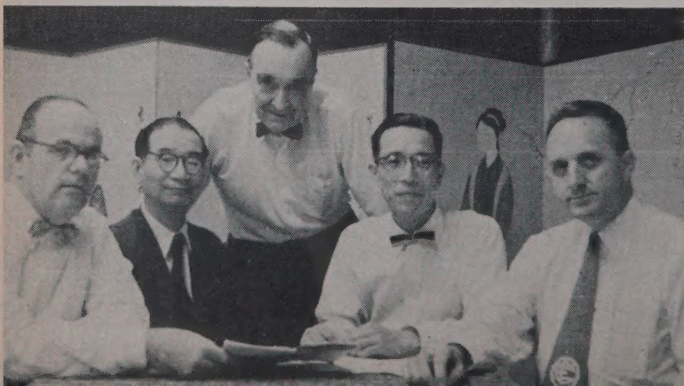
in the market places of Nikko and the shrines of Nara, in seeing the growth of precious pearls at Mikimoto's Pearl Island and in seeing the growth of more precious lives in the Christian Universities of the Orient.

There were wonderful new sights in the mountains and glaciers and pioneer towns of Alaska. There were even more beautiful scenes during the wonderful hours in the islands of Hawaii. The matchless Christian fellowship with our Hawaiian Endeavorers cannot be fully described. The first Christian Endeavor Society outside of continental United States had its origin here, in the year 1884. They will lead us to greater things in the future as well.

But the heart of the entire three weeks trip was in the unique fellowship with all of the young people during and after the conference. Those who had faced each other so recently over cruel battle lines now sat together as brethren in Christ. The Lord's Prayer, the hymns, the benediction, though voiced in several languages in unison, were indescribably understood by each one. The Lord of all united all. Many asked the question, "Where but in Christianity, and in Christian Endeavor, could these things be?"

The conference, planned largely by the Japanese Union, began with a fervent service of prayer led by the Rev. Teiji Kishimoto, from Hokkaido, on the afternoon of July 30. The evening service featured an address by the president of the World's Union, Dr. Daniel A. Poling. Greetings were brought by Mr. K. Hata, president of the Japanese Union, the Rev. C. Kishi,





representing the National Christian Council, and others. vesper service led by the Rev. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society, closed the evening.

The following day all the delegates united in a service of Communion, using two languages. This was led by the Rev. Kwanichiro Ono, of Fukuoka, and the Rev. Kunio Kodaira, of Tokyo. This was a unique experience. After this began the day group study sessions. The entire conference was divided into four study groups:

- A. "The Church and Its Missionary Responsibility"—led by Dr. Toru Yamazaki, Dean of Doshisha Seminary, Kyoto.
- B. "The Church and Its Social Responsibility"—led by Shiro Abe, professor of sociology, Meiji Gakuin University, assisted by Miss H. Hirose, president of Hiroshima Girls' University, Hiroshima.
- C. "The Church and Its Organic Development"—led by the Rev. Shinji Iwamura, of the United Church.
- D. "The Church and The Problem of International Peace"—led by the Rev. Kunio Kodaira, of Tokyo.

Realization of the character and position, the background and the influence of these leaders makes such subjects live in a new way. Well over half of the delegates were young people. Many were college students. All were keen and intelligent, eager to learn better paths of Christian living and world citizenship. A boy from Korea, a girl from tragic Hiroshima, a teacher from Fukuoka and many of their associates shared ideas and problems with Canadians, Australians, Germans, Americans. Korea, Formosa, Hong Kong and other parts of our world fellowship were actively represented. The problems of living as Christians in Buddhist homes, the cost of modern discipleship, the task of the church today, the tensions of international relationships were among the vital matters discussed.

One of the highlights of these days was the presence of Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, world renowned Christian leader. He addressed the conference on the subject, "General Trends of the Japanese Christian Movement," on the evening of July 31, using the graphic method of drawing large charts as he spoke, to illustrate his points.

On August 1 all were inspired by the morning watch message of Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan, honorary field secretary of the World Union. The day closed with two thought-provoking addresses. One was by the general secretary of the National YMCA, Mr. Soichi Saito. The second, by Dean Toru Matsumoto, of Meiji Gakuin University, was a whimsical one, given from the student's point of view.

Australia had its day when the morning watch on August 2 was led by Deputy President Bennett of that continent, with young people bringing their glowing witness. President Stanley Potter and Rev. Ernest H. Watson spoke most helpfully on another occasion.

The closing session was a most dramatic and inspiring occasion as those of many nations clasped hands, vowing fervently to go back as ambassadors of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Way of life. Dr. Poling urged each to go forward in stubborn faith and constant growth. "God Be With You" never meant more.

The keynote of the entire conference was perhaps summed up

### Photos by Rev. Akira Tokata

TOP LEFT: At entrance to Pacific Area Conference headquarters, Hoshino Hotel, Karuizawa, Japan, are from left: Rev. J. M. Fujita, Dr. Darley Downs, field secretary, Inter-Board Committee; Harold E. Westerhoff, executive secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor; Mrs. Daniel A. Poling; Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union; and Rev. Morito Inagari, executive secretary of the Japan Christian Endeavor Union. SECOND FROM TOP: Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, center, famed Japanese Christian, with several youth delegates from Japan. Rev. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, is in rear. THIRD FROM TOP: Five German Christian Endeavorers of the Japan Union with leaders of the World's Union. First row, from left: Rev. Akira Ebisawa, general secretary of the Japan Union; Miss M. Weiss; Kojiro Hata, chairman of the Japan Union's Board of Directors; Back row, from left: Harold E. Westerhoff; Ernest Vatter, A. G. Euling, Dr. Poling, H. Meyer, H. Gaenzler. The German Endeavorers are members of the Liebenzeller Mission in Japan. BOTTOM: Mr. Westerhoff, Dr. Kagawa; Dr. Poling; Rev. Noburu Nisido, secretary of the Youth Commission of the United Church of Christ of Japan; and Mr. Gates.



the statement of the Findings (Resolution) Committee. It called for renewed planning and activity among the Pacific Christian Endeavor Unions, and for a new interchange of leaders and ideas throughout that area. Then it proclaimed that "Jesus Christ the great Reconciler of men and God, and of nations" was to be the message of the conference, to be lived in scores of lives from that day forth. Realizing that only one half of one percent of the population of Japan are Christians, with comparable figures elsewhere in the Orient, this opens a challenging work. And with 70 per cent of the regular church attendants under 30 years of age (the highest such percentage in the world), it becomes clear who will best proclaim "Christ For the World—The World For Christ."

# Europeans Hosts at Oslo Conference

By DANIEL A. POLING

*President, World's Christian Endeavor Union*

The European Area Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union convened in Oslo August 18-22, inclusive. We were the guests of the Norwegian Christian Endeavor Union and our business sessions were held in the imposing "C. E. Haus," which was the gift of Pastor Klaboe, distinguished Lutheran clergyman who was the founder of the Norwegian Christian Endeavor movement, and the contemporary and intimate friend of Francis E. Clark.

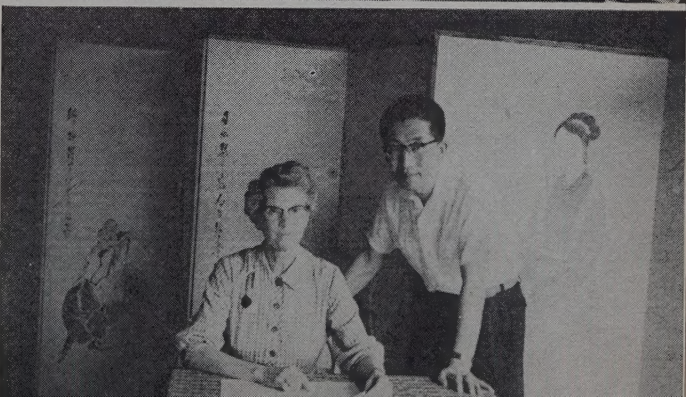
Pastor Klaboe practically financed the headquarters project with his life savings. Today Christian Endeavor in Norway is strong, but leaders have been inspired by this conference and a definite and forward-looking program is being set up. Public sessions of the conference were held in Baptist, Congregational and Methodist churches, as well as in Oslo's beautiful and historic Lutheran Cathedral. Distinguished clergymen of these churches participated in the evening sessions. Delegates were present from seven countries—a particularly large delegation from the United Kingdom.

Dr. James Kelly, vice-president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and area committee chairman, presided at all sessions, and was the principal and highly appreciated speaker. The Rev. Andrew Wright, associate general secretary of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and area secretary, was the characteristically effective master of ceremonies. Pastor Pagel, president of the flourishing German Christian Endeavor Union, led a strong German delegation and made a notable contribution to the conference.

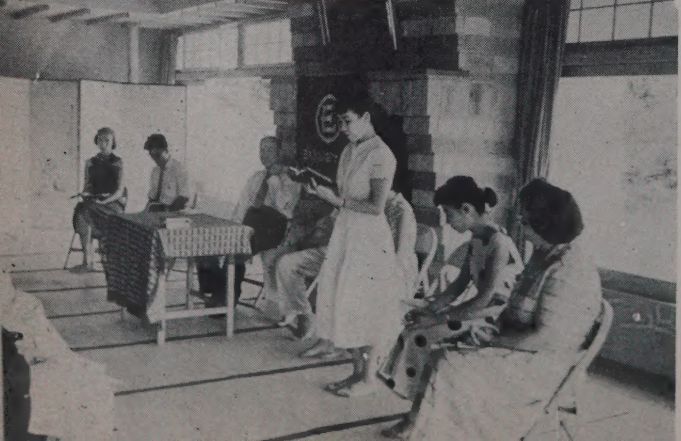
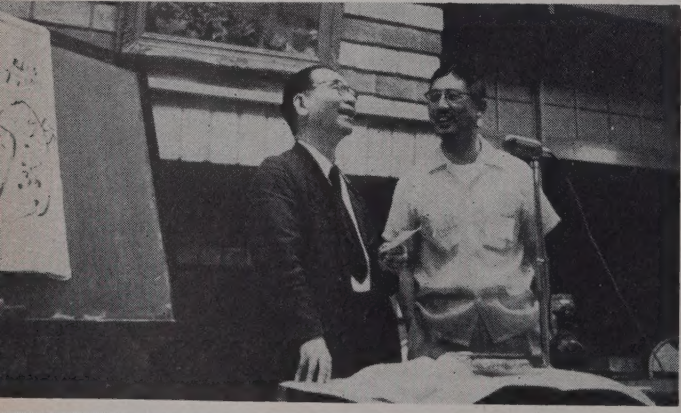
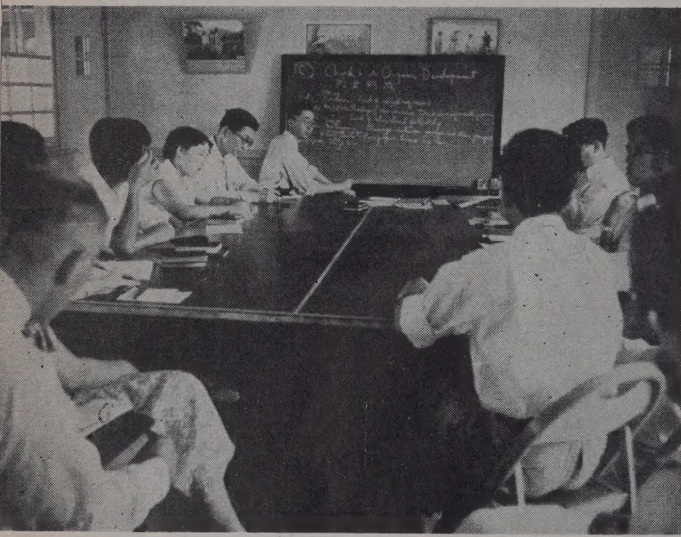
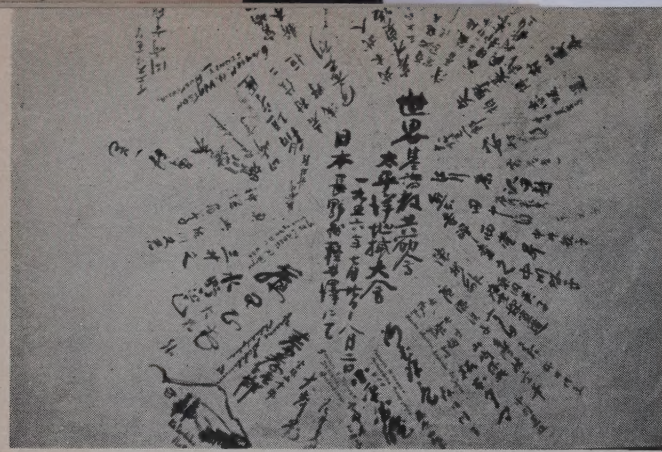
Dr. Kelly, who resigned as area chairman, remains as a vice-president of the World's Union and is a continuing member of the area executive committee. Mr. Wright, who has resigned executive leadership of the British Christian Endeavor Union to become a general secretary of the World Sunday School movement, succeeds Dr. Kelly in the chairmanship of the Area Committee, and William J. Sharpe, a long-time British Endeavorer who is widely and favorably known on the continent, becomes Mr. Wright's successor as area secretary, with Mr.

TOP RIGHT: A section of the delegation to the Pacific Area Conference. SECOND FROM TOP: One of meal hours. Note chopsticks. THIRD FROM TOP: Bare-footed youth choir organized during conference includes delegates from Japan and Formosa. BOTTOM: Mrs. H. M. Woodard was the official Religious News Service correspondent who covered the Japan conference. With her Rev. Akira Tokata, official conference photographer, who took other photos of the conference appearing on these pages.

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Sheldon of Britain retaining the treasurership. A new office, that of vice-chairman, was created and Pastor Pagel of German named to the position. Mr. Wright's successor in the British secretariat, the Rev. Harold W. Sendall, M.A., was elected to the executive committee.

It was my privilege, as president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, to be present throughout the conference. I arrived from Asia, flying from Hong Kong and Tokyo to San Francisco and making close connections at Los Angeles with the Scandinavian "Polar Flight" to Copenhagen and Oslo. I covered a little more than 15,000 miles in four days and as many nights. Mrs. Poling, who had accompanied me to the Pacific Area Conference in Japan, flew directly to Denver and New York from San Francisco.

Others will write of the Pacific Area meeting, with its significant and prophetic program. Also I shall have something to add in a later issue of *The Christian Endeavor World*. These two representative gatherings, with their delegates from 20 nations of five continents, have opened wide the door of opportunity to Christian Endeavor throughout the world.

# Training For Service In The Church

By DR. JAMES KELLY

Speech by Dr. James Kelly, Renfrewshire, Scotland, vice-president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, delivered at the Cathedral in Oslo during the European Area Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union in Oslo, Norway.

A basic purpose of Christian Endeavor is to do service for Christ and the Church, and to train for such service.

Church work is a term somewhat difficult to define, but I take it to mean Christian work done by church members for Christ and the church. The Christian Endeavor Society is not, and does not profess to be, an end in itself; it is the handmaiden of the church, pledged to serve the church, and its aim is to capture the young life of the church that it may be trained for intelligent and consistent church membership, and active and efficient church work.

How then may the Christian Endeavor society become a training school for church work? *Firstly:* By insisting upon the necessity for personal conversion and personal consecration in the individual church worker. Although it is a very elementary proposition that only those who are themselves Christians can engage in Christian work, it is to be feared that persons may occasionally be found engaging in some branches of church work who would themselves be greatly surprised if anyone were to call them Christians. Now the best way to remedy this is to secure that those who are to be our future office-bearers and workers are sound on the subject of personal conversion, and this the Christian Endeavor society is eminently fitted to do. It exacts a personal pledge; it demands personal confession; it asks for personal consecration, and its teaching is that it is only by "relying on the Lord Jesus Christ for Salvation

TOP LEFT: The unusual register of Pacific Area Conference delegates, most names in Japanese script. SECOND FROM TOP: Delegates spent much time in small group sessions. This is view of one of series of conferences on the mission of the church. THIRD FROM TOP: Dr. Toyobiko Kagawa, left, speaks through interpreter, Dr. Soburu Yosumuro, associate secretary of the Inter-Board Committee. BOTTOM: Delegates from several countries lead in worship service on final day.



and trusting in God for strength" that any of us "can do what He would like to have us do" in church service or anything else. It teaches every member to seek the Kingdom of God *first*, and to make the covenant relationship between himself and his God the basis of his service in the church.

In the *second place*, Christian Endeavor fosters a spirit of congregational loyalty. It is required of Christians and Christian workers that they be loyal to Christ; of church members, and especially of church workers, that they be loyal to Christ and the *church*. This loyalty implies, of course, an appreciation and acceptance of the distinctive principles of their denomination.

If the church worker is clear on his denominational standing, his work gains in interest and intelligence, for he recognizes that he is engaged in work handed down to him by the founders and fathers of his church. He will not readily be carried about by every wind of doctrine, or be continually asking himself whether he would not have been better in some other church, or perhaps in no church at all.

It implies also practical loyalty in attendance at the services and meetings of his own congregation, for if church office-bearers and workers are not faithful in these matters, it cannot possibly be expected that the rank and file of the members will be faithful.

Now in both these particulars the Christian Endeavor society trains us. It teaches every member, not that his own church is as good as any other, but that it is better than any other, and that the possession of denominational principle is to be for him a settled one. It also teaches practical loyalty, for to the Christian Endeavorer "the church" means the particular congregation with which he is connected, and he is to call his church "My church," because he has time to understand enough of its history and principles to love it and identify himself intelligently with it, and give it his loyal and devoted service.

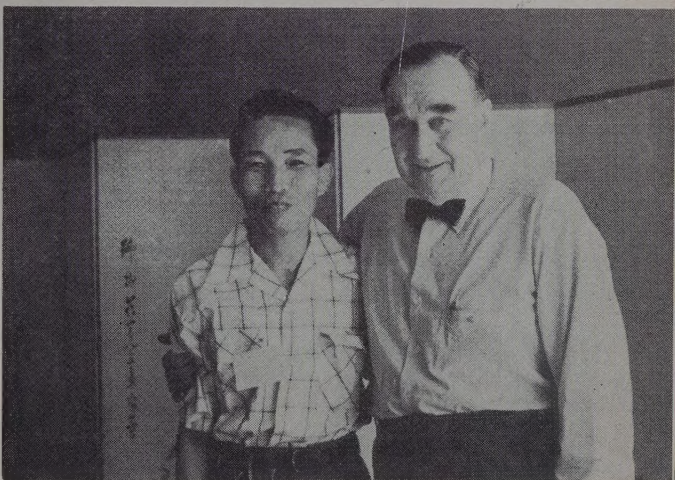
*Thirdly*: Christian Endeavor testifies to the essential characteristics of all church work—that it is the Lord's work. Without a recognition of this, a church worker is unworthy of the name he bears. Its recognition supplies the *motive* of his service; if he believes that he will not teach in the Sunday school just to please the superintendent or become an office-bearer or church worker only to please the minister, he will render his service as unto the Lord. This affects also the *quality* of his service; he does not render it with as little interest and energy as possible, but as much thoroughness and efficiency as he can command.

Now these are the most elementary principles of Christian Endeavor. The spirituality of the church and its work; the inefficiency of any motive for service short of the desire to please and glorify God; the sinfulness of giving God anything but our best; the grace and power of prayer; the presence of the Master with His workers, and the acceptance of the humblest and weakest service if rendered from love to God and in dependence on His spirit for aid—all these are principles which are of the very essence of the society's creed and practice; and this renders the society well fitted to encourage and equip for active service in the church those who might otherwise feel weak and easily discouraged.

*Fourthly*: Christian Endeavor emphasizes the doctrine of the ministry of all believers. All church workers, I suppose, believe in the "one man ministry" in the purely ecclesiastical sense, but none, I trust, believe in it in its strictly literal interpretation. Every one whose heart the Lord has touched is called to be a minister, a servant,

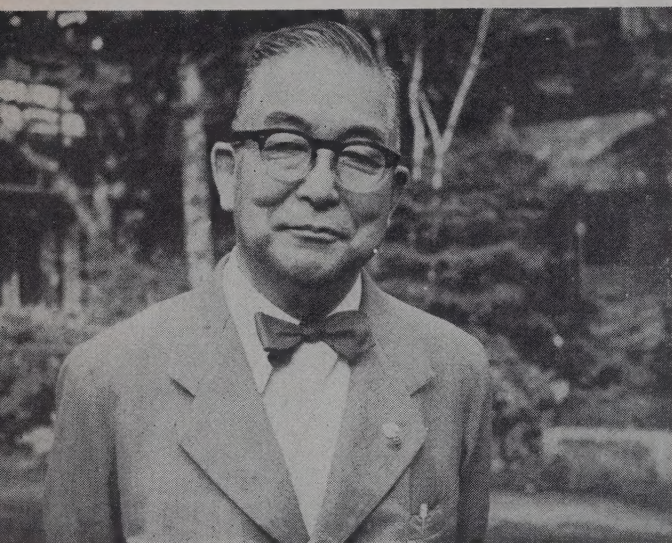
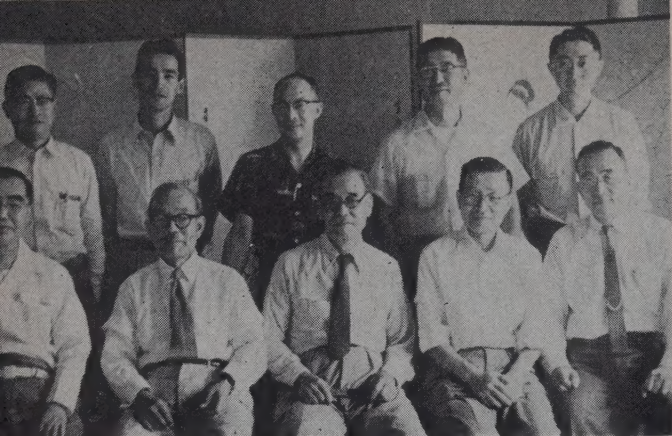


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TOP RIGHT: The Japan Christian Endeavor Union banner was prominently displayed. SECOND FROM TOP: Four women conference leaders were from left: Mrs. Tama Matsumoto of Hiroshima, long-time Christian Endeavorer in Japan; Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan, honorary field secretary of the World's Union; Mrs. Daniel A. Poling, life trustee of the International Society; and Miss S. Hirose, president of Hiroshima Girls' University. THIRD FROM TOP: Rev. Kan Ben, director of the Korean Church in Japan, with Dr. Poling. BOTTOM: Four presidents together, from left: Kojiro Hata, president of the Board of Directors of the Japan Union; Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Union; Rev. Stanley Y. Potter, president of the National Christian Endeavor Union of Australia; and Rev. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.





a laborer, in the vineyard of the church. When a member joins the Christian Endeavor society, this is one of the first principles which he learns, and he learns it both in theory and in practice.

He is introduced to a brotherhood of believers in which everyone tries to contribute something to the Christian life of every other, in which no one is allowed to be a receiver without being also a giver. In fulfillment of his pledge he is bound to try to take part in every meeting, and thus feel himself to be a part of every meeting. His duty as an active member requires him to accept such calls for special service as the society may address to him; and his profession as an Endeavorer demands that he place himself at the disposal of his church for any duty which it may ask of him. The church becomes to him not a concern run by the minister, but a spiritual family in which the interest of every member is the interest of every other, and whose highest well-being every individual member is required to advance by such active service as it may be in his power to render.

*Fifthly:* Christian Endeavor seeks to discover the particular gifts and capabilities of each of its members. There is a vast quantity of latent energy for work stored up in all our congregations; the difficulty is to discover and educate it. Some young men and women are afraid to become church workers because they do not know their Bibles well enough; where can they learn to know the Bible better? In the Christian Endeavor society! Some are afraid to become church workers because they cannot engage in prayer in the presence of their fellows; where can they learn to do that with reverence and yet with freedom? In the Christian Endeavor society!

One might go on indefinitely, but, in a sentence, there is no doubt that individual talents and capabilities have been discovered in many who themselves had not dreamed of their existence, and have been educated and developed in others through membership in the Christian Endeavor society.

Further, the Christian Endeavor society is an admirable training school for church work because it is a young people's society—and if we want an efficient church worker, we must catch him young. Workers need training. We do not for a moment deprecate the thousands of faithful and efficient workers who have served the church in the past—long before Christian Endeavor was thought of or heard of—but we do say that if the work was well done by them, with no such training school, it should and will be better done by those who have the advantage of such a training as the Christian Endeavor society gives.

I cannot help feeling that the world puts us Christians to shame. All occupations and professions are crowded except the highest of all, Christian service. Professional schools are lengthening their courses; universities are stiffening their requirements for graduation; and yet some Christians rebel at the simple elementary requirements of the Christian Endeavor Pledge. The Pledge is the ideal curriculum for our training school. The prayer meeting with its committee work is the ideal laboratory. What a training school would our society become if we all realized this as we should! What a reinforcement for the Kingdom of God if every Christian Endeavorer sought to be efficient in life and service for Christ and the church.

Purpose counts, but skilled purpose counts for more. Love of Christ is good, but loving service is better, and trained loving service is best of all. Resolve to be efficient in your service for Christ. Our Saviour has given His best for us. Shall we give less than our best for Him?

TOP LEFT: Japan Christian Endeavor leaders who were educated in America. Front row from left: Rev. K. Ono, Fukuoka; Rev. Akira Ebisawa, Tokyo, general secretary of the Japan Union; Dr. K. Kodaira, Tokyo; Rev. K. Hasegawa, Kobe; Rev. S. Tanaka, Nagoya. Back row from left: Dr. T. Yamasaki, Kyoto; Prof. Shiro Abe, Chiba; Rev. Jonathan Fujita, Tokyo; Rev. S. Yosumura, Tokyo; Rev. S. Iwamura, Tokyo. SECOND FROM TOP: Soichi Saito, general secretary of the National YMCA of Japan, who addressed the conference. THIRD FROM TOP: Some delegates to a high school Christian Endeavor summer conference in Namsan, Korea. BOTTOM: Part of the delegates to the conference. Those pictured with Dr. Poling, Mr. Gates and Mr. Westerhoff are those under 30 years of age.



LE'S assistant superintendent of the Sunday school—which means acting superintendent for two months of the winter, when Mr. Clark goes South. And they asked Fred to be church treasurer too, which he wants put off for a year or two."

Mrs. Fred Emerson is telling us about her husband's voluntary service in Valley View church. The Emersons are young adults. The church is a small suburban chapel in the midst of real estate developments.

Fred and Ginnie have been members there a little more than a year.

Valley View's is largely a congregation of young adults. Most of the officers and active church workers are in their twenties and thirties.

Ginnie's share in church work lies with Junior Christian Endeavor, of which she is superintendent, and in Sunday school teaching. She practices two afternoons a week on the Hammond organ, so that she can leave next year as substitute organist in the church.

The Emersons are not new to church work, for they grew up in a city church which with Christian Endeavor, well organized church school and many fellowship events offered a multitude of opportunities for young volunteers.

"But the openings for service and leadership in our small church," Fred Emerson remarks, "are a revelation to quite a number of the young adults who join us.

"These folks came into Valley View Church because they live close by. Most of the new members have children who should be attending Sunday school, and the parents want to bring them, not send them! It's a surprise to many of these folks to be invited almost as soon as they join to take an active part in an organized program—to assume special responsibilities for helping their new church grow and progress."

Fred adds significantly, "Most of them like the idea, once they see that other young adults are united with them, doing their full share to serve Christ and make the church a part in our Valley View community."

OUR miles to the west, in a region of farms and more widely spaced suburban homes, Pinecrest Church also serves its flock—again, with much aid from young adults. The minister at Pinecrest likes to tell of a young school teacher's ventures in church school dramatics.

"We found that Sally studied dramatics in college and had taken part in a few college plays," the minister explains.

"She would not admit to having the slightest talent, although she said she enjoyed rehearsing and the social experience of being in a cast.

If ours had been a good-sized city church," he guesses, "we probably wouldn't have succeeded in persuading Sally to direct Bible plays in which groups of the children under twelve participated. She was willing to make a try at this for two reasons: in our small church she knew her leadership was needed, and she would not face sophisticated criticism, for ours is a good-spirited, friendly church family."

Sally progressed to a dramatic program for young people, and within two years she was at all fearful of criticism when her group was asked to present one of its dramas in a

# Young Adults in a Small Church

## —Young Adult Workshop—

denominational program involving more than thirty churches and their young people.

Pinecrest Church urged a thirty-year-old lawyer—an almost unknown associate in a city law firm—to head a money-raising campaign. George, the young attorney, helped draw up plans for the campaign and knew more about the details than most of the Pinecrest laymen. After long consideration, he agreed to take the chairmanship if five men and two women he named would become his active co-workers in the project.

"In many a larger church, we would have had a few acceptances, but a number of excuses," the minister comments. "But there

### Good Counsel For Smaller Churches

Quoted from "How a Small Church Can have Good Christian Education," by Virgil E. Foster. (Harper & Brothers, New York, \$2.)

IN certain aspects of Christian education a small church has an advantage over a large one. Various educational experiences do not center in the church building at all; they center in the community and in the home . . .

"The cradle roll and nursery roll work is done largely in the home. At the other age extreme, much of the work with the aged centers in the home, as does work with persons confined to the home permanently or temporarily. Good study habits on the part of church school children depend frequently on the home situation, and the size of the church has nothing to do with the family cooperation necessary to good lesson preparation. A church library is more effective if the books find their way into homes and are read; reference to them on Sunday mornings is not enough.

"The spirit of fellowship which is engendered by small group meetings in homes adds to the effectiveness of these gatherings . . .

"Besides the work possible in homes, some of the finest religious development comes to children and young people in the out-of-doors, in worship services, and in education projects for the discovery of God through nature. Out-of-doors is often more accessible to small churches than to large ones . . .

"A few churches have all the pews loose from the floor so that they can be moved forward to provide space. A curtain can be pulled across in front of the chancel or communion table, so that the main room becomes like any other room for social gatherings . . .

"Members of a two-room church in Illinois lease a roller-skating rink about fifteen miles away once each month. Families go there with their young people for an evening of family recreation. If a church is too small for certain activities, take the activities to a suitable location."

is a greater sense of personal responsibility in smaller congregations. George had a 'yes—glad to!' from all but one of his candidates. Our chairman put it up to this one man who couldn't accept to choose and recruit a substitute, and he secured for us excellent service from a member who had been with us only six months."

We are quoting this month from Virgil E. Foster's useful book—in another part of this page. The editor of the *International Journal of Religious Education* shows how well the smaller church may serve in Christian education—a vital phase of Protestant church service to families and community. Mr. Foster, writing from wide experience with rural and other small churches, is convinced that "small churches have played a part in the Christian movement out of proportion to their numerical strength . . . some of the most vital Christian fellowship and most effective work are to be found in small churches, both rural and urban."

He tells of a student pastor who accepted a call to a two-room church, seven miles from town, which had "no young people." Within three weeks, the new leader had found 25 young men and young women who formed a Sunday evening group. From the beginning they used the best materials, carried on a fine program of worship, study and recreation, and put new life into the entire church.

Within three months the new group earned \$150 for the mission work of the denomination and for interdenominational projects. In a few months, one of the members was an officer in the area's youth fellowship; a year later one became an officer in a state organization of Christian youth.

Do not count on "increased space" or improved worship and educational facilities for doing a really successful job, this author suggests. Most important is the will to do well. "Let the church have vision and a plan, and significant results will be achieved."

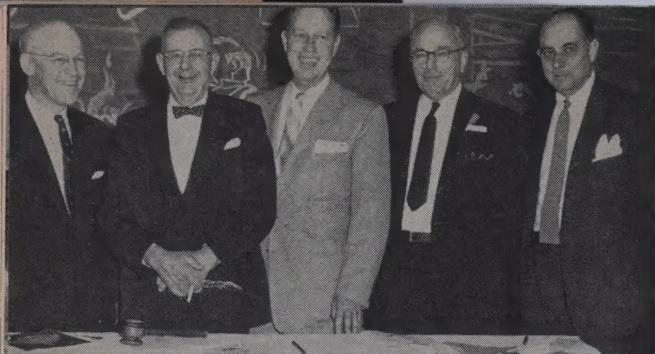
MOST of the plans which have appeared and will appear in Young Adult Workshop may be adapted to small churches in the city or in the suburbs or at a rural crossroads. In fact, many of the suggestions for young adults in Workshop or in "With Young Adults in Christian Endeavor" may be more readily initiated within a group whose young adults know one another and work together and in which the organizational machinery is simple and largely under volunteers' control.

We invite news of successful projects, undertaken by and for young adults in the smaller churches of the United States and Canada and Mexico.

We can use your experience to inspire and help other young adults and their churches and communities.

—Bert H. Davis

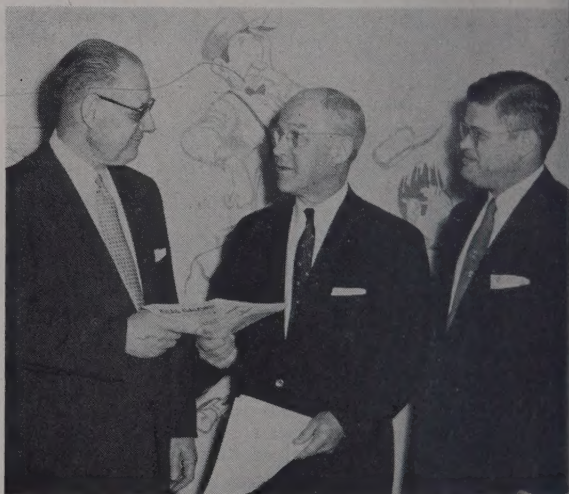




**PRaise CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR POSTER (left)**—At the annual state convention of the Michigan Outdoor Advertising Association, considerable interest was taken in the Christian Endeavor outdoor poster. Held at Niles, Mich., May 25, the convention brought together Ernest S. Marks of Detroit, left, representing Christian Endeavor, and from left: W. Skalla, association president; D. B. Cole, vice-president; L. A. Kremer, secretary, and R. E. Hunt, treasurer. Below, Marks, center, hands copy of The Christian Endeavor Worker to F. C. Bessler, of Louisiana, left, president of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, as D. W. Vanderwater, secretary of the national association, right, looks on. Mr. Marks expressed the appreciation of the International Society of Christian Endeavor to the association for the co-operation of Poster Plant owners in the display of the Christian Endeavor poster, copies of which you will see on outdoor advertising boards along highways throughout the country. The thinking of thousands of persons is arrested and pointed to the church through the use of the outdoor poster, which proclaims "Christ shall reign!" and adds "Come to church and "Attend Christian Endeavor regularly." It is a part of the year-round evangelism program of Christian Endeavor.



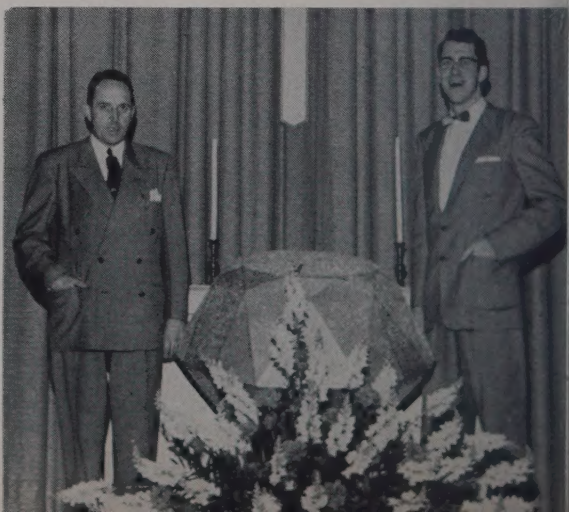
**MAYORS GREET NEW YORK ENDEAVORERS (above)**—Mayors of Watervliet, Troy and Albany, New York, greeted 500 delegates to the New York State Christian Endeavor Union at its annual meeting at Jermain Memorial Presbyterian Church, Troy, May 24. Left to right are: Mayor Hugh Donnelly, Watervliet; Mayor Erastus Corning II, Albany; the Rev. Norman A. Wilson, pastor of the host church; Eugene G. Alhart, of Rochester, state Christian Endeavor president; and Mayor John J. Purcell of Troy. Here they look over convention program. A parade in Watervliet was a highlight of the meeting.



**HUGE 'DIAMOND' FOR ANNIVERSARY (below)**—18 members of the Ontario, Canada, Christian Endeavor Union gathered in Calvary Memorial Evangelical United Brethren Church, Kitchener, Ont., April 14 to mark the 75th anniversary of Christian Endeavor. Taking part in rally were the Rev. Earle W. Gates, of Derby, N. Y., left, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, and Albert Day, right, of Rideway, Ont., president of the Ontario Union. Discussion groups were held on "Christ Shall Reign" through evangelism, leadership, and Christian fellowship. Clyde Sher of Port Colborne, Ont., second vice-president of the union was chairman of the jubilee dinner. Mr. Gates gave the address at the closing service.



**BIBLE CAKE MARKS ANNIVERSARY (above)**—A huge Bible cake is admired by principals at the annual dinner of the Westchester, N. Y., Christian Endeavor Alumni at the Church of the Highlands, marking the 75th anniversary of the founding of Christian Endeavor. From left are the Rev. Arthur S. Wheelock, minister of the church; Miss Evelyn Purdy, of White Plains, who was in charge of arrangements; Dr. Daniel A. Poling, principal speaker; and his son, the Rev. Daniel K. Poling, of Yonkers, master of ceremonies. Dr. Poling said that the movement in many parts of the world is much stronger and more vital than it has ever been. "Christian Endeavor is enlisting men and women all over the world to give their lives for Christ and His cause," he said.







New officers of the Mexico National Union of Christian Endeavor were elected at the union's Diamond Anniversary annual meeting. Third from right is Cecil A. Jeffery of Los Angeles, who represented the International Society. From left the officers are: Elias Gurubel, Arminda Briones, Mario Silva,

Enrique Buck, Daniel Vasquez, president, Mr. Jeffery, Amada Guevera and Nino Gonzalez. Mr. Gonzalez was born in Chicago and lived in the U. S. a short time. He acted as interpreter for Mr. Jeffery.



Voting delegates at one of the sessions of the Mexico National Union express their enthusiasm. In the center is Dr. Jose A.

Monjarez, known as "Mr. Christian Endeavor of Mexico."

## Hundreds Join Parade in Ohio

Several hundred young people paraded through downtown Canton, Ohio, during the annual convention of the Ohio Christian Endeavor Union June 21-24. The parade featured eight floats. Convention speakers included Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union; Dr. Merrill Linder, Findlay, personnel director of the Ashland Oil Company; Mayor M. E. Senbrenner of Columbus, Ohio; and Miss Freda Welshimer, dean of women, Milligan College, Tennessee. Maria Blackburn Massillon was honored at the convention banquet as the outstanding high school En-

deavorer of Ohio. She is president of the Growing Christian Endeavor Society of First Christian Church, Canton, which was the host church for the convention.

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Leaders of the Portland 1957 Convention Committee are pictured at a recent meeting with International leaders in Portland, Oregon. Seated (left to right) are: Harold E. Westerhoff, executive secretary, International Society; Dorothy E. Howes, executive secretary, Oregon Christian Endeavor Union; Philip S. Hitchcock, general chairman, Portland Committee; Walter M. Frutiger, associate chairman; Marjory Boon, vice-chairman, Hospitality; Rev. Earle W. Gates, president, International Society. Standing (left to right), Rev. John Karutz, chairman, Press and Publicity Committee, Portland Committee; Dorothy L. Kliks, vice-chairman, Finance; Timothy J. Kribs, president, Oregon Christian Endeavor Union; Mrs. Albert Kribs, vice-chairman, Registrations, Portland Committee; William Bish, treasurer; Mrs. J. Lawrence Pieper, secretary. Others are being appointed.

## Tours Planned to "Portland '57"

Plan your 1957 vacation to include the International Christian Endeavor Convention in Portland, Oregon, July 8-13, 1957.

One of the best ways to do this is to join one of the tours to Portland.

A Christian Endeavor Fellowship Tour from Philadelphia to Portland, visiting Glacier National Park en route, is being planned. The group will leave Philadelphia on July 3 with J. Allen Tucker as the tour director.

Following the convention the Fellowship Tour, according to the present tentative itinerary, will visit Victoria and Vancouver, Banff and Lake Louise, returning to Philadelphia on July 21.

The price of the Fellowship Tour by Pull-

man in lower berth is \$560. Other prices will be furnished on request.

Complete details may be secured by writing to J. Allen Tucker, Tour Director, 1820 East Schiller Street, Philadelphia 34, Pennsylvania.

A Great Lakes Region Economy "Portland Tour" will leave Chicago on July 6 under the direction of Julian Moran. Following the convention this group will visit Vancouver, Victoria, and Seattle, and will spend several days in Glacier National Park. The de luxe coach tour will conclude on July 22 in Chicago. Cost of the tour is \$275.

Write to Julian Moran, Tour Director, Leroy, Indiana, for complete itinerary and details of this Economy Tour.

## New Field Secretaries Appointed

Two new field secretaries of Christian Endeavor unions have recently been appointed. They are the Rev. Anderson Fraser as field secretary of the New Jersey Christian Endeavor Union, and the Rev. T. Melville Bailey as field secretary of the Ontario Christian Endeavor Union.

Mr. Fraser, an American Baptist Convention minister from Clifton, N.J., succeeds Dr. Frederick L. Mintel of Rahway, N.J., who has retired after 33 years in the post. Dr. Mintel is now executive secretary emeritus.

Before entering the ministry, Mr. Fraser was promotion and advertising manager of the Research Institute of America, New York City. He was graduated from Providence Bible Institute, Providence, R.I., and Gordon College of Theology, Boston, Mass. He has held pastorates in New England and New York and more recently was pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Paterson, N.J. Executive offices of the New Jersey Union are being moved from

Rahway to One Tyler Court, Clifton.

Mr. Bailey, second vice-president of the Canadian Christian Endeavor Union, writes a column on "Traces, Faces and Places" each week in the Hamilton, Ont., *Spectator*. He and Mrs. Bailey visited Europe this summer.



Rev. Anderson Fraser



Rev. T. Melville Bailey

## Sixth Annual Citizenship Contest Is Announced

By Phyllis I. Rike

Youth of North America will again have opportunity to win citizenship honors.

Robert C. Ross, citizenship director of the International Society, has announced details of Christian Endeavor's sixth annual Citizenship Contest.

Awards totaling \$1,000 in cash and two free trips to the International Christian Endeavor Convention in Portland, Oregon, July 8-13, 1957, will be made to the winners.

All youth in the United States or Canada who are in high school or below on February 4, 1957, will be judged in Division A of the contest. Youth who are out of high school but have not reached their 25th birthday by February 4, 1957, will be classified in Division B.

Awards will be granted on the basis of "A Letter to My Congressman" or, for Canadian youth, "A Letter to My M.P." on the subject, "I Speak for Christian Citizenship" and a citizenship service record on beliefs and activities.

The first award in each division will be \$200 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$250) for expenses of attending the International Convention in Portland, Oregon.

The second award in each division will be \$100 in cash and the third award will be \$50 in each division.

For the next six runners-up in the International finals in each division there will be prizes of \$25 for each.

Winners in the state and provincial contests will be awarded Certificates of Recognition.

Official entry blanks may be secured from your state or provincial Christian Endeavor office or from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. All entries must be postmarked not later than February 4, 1957.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORK



# Christian Endeavor in Germany

A Virginia Endeavorer, Mrs. Adean Z. Young, whose husband is stationed in Europe with the U. S. Air Force, attended the German National Christian Endeavor Convention at Sigen/Westfalen, Germany August 3 to 5.

"It was an inspiring experience," Mrs. Young wrote, "and I would like to share it with other American Endeavorers, as well as Endeavorers everywhere the *World* goes." So Mrs. Young wrote us a report of the German convention.

President of the Virginia Christian Endeavor Union before joining her husband in Germany in June, 1955, Mrs. Young served on the Virginia State Board this year as quiet hour superintendent. Mrs. Young's report follows:

"We were greatly inspired by the enthusiasm and spirit present during the German convention. There were over 7,000 delegates and it was a powerful meeting. The meetings were held in a huge tent erected solely for the convention and it was filled each day and overflowing on Sunday for the last day's meetings.

"My slight knowledge of the German language precluded a full understanding of the messages, but I could feel the power behind each one and it was certainly inspirational. We found a friendly and helpful atmosphere as we were entertained by Endeavorers and leaders. We were recognized a number of times as Virginia Christian Endeavorers and it was a wonderful opportunity for me to give greetings from Virginia Christian Endeavor on Sunday afternoon before the tremendous gathering.

"Rev. Arno Pagel, president of the German Union, is one of the most radiant and sincere Christian leaders I have met and I'm sure it is his witness and leadership that is making Christian Endeavor in Germany such a strong movement. I consider it an honor and a joy to have met him and his equally radiant wife.

"The theme of the Convention was 'Lasset uns halten an dem Bekenntnis!' (Hebrews 10:23a). There were two choruses of male and female singers, all youth, that sang and the music was great. There was also an instrumental group which accompanied all group singing and I know the music could be heard for miles around.

"It was good, also, to meet the Rev. Hedley Plunkett, general secretary of the Ireland Christian Endeavor Union, and to hear him tell of the work in Ireland. We also met representatives from Spain, Holland and Lebanon. It was a thrilling experience.

"I just wish that many American Endeavorers could have shared this opportunity with my husband Arthur and me. It has meant much to me and I have rededicated myself to serve better in Christian Endeavor in its broad scope of service."

## Endeavorers Continue Witness In East Zone

Christian Endeavorers are carrying on their ministry for Christ and His Church in the Soviet Eastern Zone of Germany. This is reported by Heinrich Kamphausen in an article in *The Irish Endeavorer*.

The German Christian Endeavor headquarters building at Woltersdorf, near Berlin, obtained in 1926, was converted to a hospital for war-wounded under Hitler during World War II. It is still a hospital, but now under Christian management. "The hospital," says the article, "is the very best mission station which the Christian Endeavorer can think of in Europe."

Christian Endeavor as a union is strictly forbidden in the Eastern Zone. "But," adds the article, "there are thousands of young girls and young men who confess Christ in the factory, in the mine and in the schools, and who have to face very many dangers and to undergo heavy conflicts of conscience. Many of them on account of their conscience do not mind to face loss and even threatenings very bravely. There is real hunger for the liberty of the Gospel and its consolations."

The hospital also serves as a training center for Christian young people. Last year from April to October a number of "Bible weeks" were held. From 60 to 80 young people from the age of 14 to 25 attended each session. They came from all parts of the Soviet Zone. The Christian Endeavor societies of the Western Zone pray regularly for the center.

## Dr. W. A. MacTaggart Dies, Canadian Friend

Christian Endeavorers throughout Canada lost a staunch friend in the passing of Dr. W. A. MacTaggart. For 44 years Dr. MacTaggart was minister of St. Columba United Church, Toronto, until his retirement in 1948. He was known throughout Canada and particularly Ontario as the "daddy" of Christian Endeavor in Canada. He was a regular speaker at Christian Endeavor summer conferences and also at annual conventions. He was president of the Canadian Union for five years.

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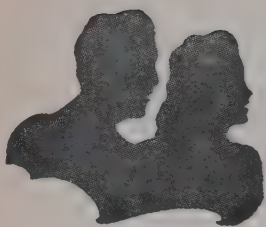
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# Missions in Southeast Asia

No. 1 in a Series: "Missions Are a 'Must' "

Acts 8: 5-8; Romans 1:14-17

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

NOVEMBER

Comments by Raymond C. Steinhart

## Briefing the Leader

1. Check your city library for reading material on Southeast Asia, or your denominational publishing house.

2. Use a map to identify locations.

3. Study the native dress of various areas and select two or three members to dress in similar costumes. Give a brief sketch of the people they represent.

## Biblical References

There are two references, Acts 8:5-8 and Romans 1:14-17. Since we are considering missions then there must be a message, and if there is a message there must be someone to tell it, and the one who tells it is a missionary. What a tragedy—a missionary without a message!

In Acts 8 we read of the great persecution that arose against the church at Jerusalem. The saints were scattered. The dispersed preached the Gospel. But the storms of persecution are only winds which fan the fire of faith in the church and carry the sparks of truth to a distance. As a tree on fire kindles a whole forest into a flame, so the apostles, burning with the fire of heaven, have set in a blaze the whole world, and have filled it with the light of truth and the warmth of love.

Our first reference deals with the work of Philip, the deacon. We know that Stephen was advanced to the degree of martyr, Philip to the degree of an evangelist. He goes into the city of Samaria and there proclaims Jesus Christ. He took aim at his audience. He poured out shot and shell into the living iniquities of Samaria. He made a fine impression. We read, "The people with one accord gave heed." He impressed them with his power—"Seeing the miracles." He surprised them with his authority—"Unclean spirits crying came out." He blessed them by his presence—"There was great joy in that city."

So the missionary ministering in the name of Jesus Christ must make a fine impression. Love in the heart of a missionary can do wonders with those who sit in darkness. He must be conscious of the work of the Holy Spirit in his own life. He must have power. He must preach Jesus Christ who alone can save from the power of sin and death. One man, Philip, brought an abundance of joy to one great city, Samaria.

In Romans 1:14-17 we have a man under obligation. He is eager to preach the Gospel and he must do it in the spirit of love. He is not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Every Christian by virtue of his Christianity is a trustee of the Gospel for mankind at large, and therefore is honor bound to see that the members of the race get their full share. We are debtors. Debt is that which a man owes to another for something received. There is an intimate connection between our debt to God and our debt to our fellow men. Because we are debtors to God we are debtors to man, and just in proportion as we recognize the one shall we recog-

## BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why is it sometimes difficult to interest adults in missions?

2. What do you think would be a good and effective plan for missionary education in your Christian Endeavor society?

3. What has your Christian Endeavor society done for the missionaries of your own denomination?

4. Let's test our knowledge on Southeast Asia: A. Name some of the religions of Southeast Asians; B. Name some of the important places and tell something about each one; C. Does your denomination have missionary work in Southeast Asia?

5. What in your mind constitutes a missionary?

nize the other. The true ground of this indebtedness is found, therefore, in the relation of the regenerate man to God as a subject of "the exceeding riches of His grace, in His kindness toward us through Jesus Christ." Every Christian owes the Gospel to every creature, so the missionary must face his task under the pressure of the Gospel.

## Basic Material

We are to consider two topics under the caption, "Missions Are a 'Must'." These topics are to help youth to know the importance of missionary work. Today we fix our attention on "Missions in Southeast Asia."

Here we could consider Indo-China, Thailand, Malaysia, Oceania (except the Hawaiian Islands) and the Philippines—an area of about 1,679,000 square miles which holds a population that is estimated at more than 100,000,000.

You are now considering the home of the brown race. In a few of the islands there are Negro mixtures; and a good deal of Chinese blood is infused in the northern part. Nearer India there are native Indians. But the great bulk of this population is brown, sometimes called Malaysian, though strictly the Malaysians are a distinct race within the brown race. There are more than 20 racial groups. We are told that 150 different languages and dialects are spoken in Malaysia alone. The population of Southeastern Asia is overflowing.

Asia is the largest of the five continents into which the world is divided. It covers an area of approximately 17,300,000 square miles, or about 1,000,000 square miles more than both Americas combined. Asia is not

only the largest, but the most densely populated of the five continents, and whatever deductions may be made it certainly contains more than half the population of the whole world.

Here we have the multitude, a great mass of people who stand in need of the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ. The people are very backward in their social organization except where they have been influenced by other nations. Living in tribes, they have held to many of the barbarous customs of primitive races. Mohammedan and Chinese civilization are rapidly modifying this and reorganizing Malaysian society after their own respective patterns.

Not too much educational provision has been made for Indo-China. Thailand has a Board of Education which supervises all schools. American, English, and French missionaries furnish most of the schools, although there are governmental, local and private schools. Malaysia stands in need of educational development. Thanks to the United States, a good school system has been established in the Philippines; this, however, does not reach all of the people.

The religious problem is staggering. The almost universal Buddhism is modified by elements borrowed from Animism and Brahmanism. Protestantism is slowly making an impression in Thailand. Recently only one in every thousand is a member of a Protestant church. Indo-China needs a lot of missionary help. Recently the Christian church had only one missionary to 1,950,000 people, and in Thailand one missionary to 95,000 people.

## Backing the Project

1. Endeavor to secure names of missionaries serving in Southeast Asia and correspond with them. Seek to gain a beautiful mail friendship and strive to learn more about the work they do among the people to whom they minister.

2. Consider doing something of extra value for some of the missionaries of your own denomination. If your local church has commissioned missionaries, then do something extra special for them which will encourage them.

3. Arrange for a series of films on the religions of the world and our approach with the message of Jesus Christ.

4. Send to your missionary board a fine missionary offering from your society.

## Best Illustration

The true objective in teaching is the development of the child. A teacher showed her Sunday school class the picture of the Madonna and Child. "Can any little girl tell me the name of this wonderful baby?" The children chorused, "Jesus." "And who is the beautiful woman holding Him?" The hands of a stranger went up; she said, "It is Loretta Young." Certain influences on her life which came from outside the Sunday school and from outside the day school had to be reckoned with in any attempt to train the little life religiously.

## From The Book of Books

M., Oct. 29.	Go Ye.	Mark 16:15-20.
T., Oct. 30.	Come Over.	Acts 16:6-11.
W., Oct. 31.	Tell Ye.	Isaiah 45:20-25.
T., Nov. 1.	Brethren Beloved.	I Thessalonians 1:1-10.
F., Nov. 2.	Them Also.	John 17:18-32.
S., Nov. 3.	Faithful Saints.	Colossians 1:1-8.
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Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## Why Study Southeast Asia?

Southeast Asia is a major nerve center of the revolutionary forces in our world today.epoch-making changes of approach and strategy by the church are needed. It is timely to study this section of the world.

The Southwest Pacific is destined to remain a region of great strategic importance. Lying as it does between Eastern and Southern Asia, across the sea lanes which run from the Americas westward to Eurasia; being one of nature's finest garden spots, rich in both mineral and plant resources, Malaysia may indeed be standing on the very threshold of its history and at the morning of its life. Will it remain only the battleground of the nations, or can we permit it to become the testing ground for enlightened political principles?

Here in a single area are countries as diverse and complex politically, economically, and spiritually as you will find anywhere in the world. Here are Thailand, the oldest independent state in Southeast Asia; the Philippines, Indonesia, and Burma, nurturing independence only a few short years; Indochina, where the upheavals creating a North and South Vietnam are still unsettled; Malaya, which held its first national election in July, 1955; Micronesia, the small islands in the Western Pacific; and Formosa (Taiwan), Nationalist China's island off the China coast.

The political and economic changes in Southeast Asia form only a part of the mission study program. The materials for the study focus on the contribution of the church, past, present, and future; on the ways for understanding, not the least of which is learning to receive as well as to give; and on the bonds of fellowship with the sensitive peoples who make up Southeast Asia.

## What You Need For Intermediate Studies

A textbook, *Day After Tomorrow*, is the intriguing title of a book of stories from Southeast Asia. Written by Alice Hudson Lewis, the stories come from six parts of the area—the Philippines, Malaya, Burma, Thailand, Formosa, and Micronesia. In each story the chief character is a teenager, and in each story the reader discovers what that teenager hopes to do "day after tomorrow."

The leader's guide, *How to Use "Day After Tomorrow"*, by Nelle Morton, is a must.

*Fun and Festival from Southeast Asia* by Constance M. Hallock, provides games, festival ideas, recipes, and other entertaining resource material from the countries in Southeast Asia. The lighter side of life in Southeast Asia is colorful and gay. The parties in these countries are varied and graceful, the folk tales quaint and fanciful. "Fun and Festival" offers an intriguing pathway to follow to find out what people in that part of the world are like.

## Filmstrip to Use and Maps

A filmstrip in black and white about "Southeast Asia" is based on one of the

## OUR AIM

1. To learn more about Southeast Asia, a new area of importance in the world.

2. To share in the studies of the churches and Christian Endeavor making this section of the world a subject of missionary education.

3. To be ready to aid with our money and our lives to bring the Gospel of Christ to a huge section of the world that has never received it.

stories in *Day After Tomorrow*. The setting is Malaya, but the filmstrip provides background for any youth discussion of "Southeast Asia." (Pictures by Leon Kofod, script by Mrs. Lewis. \$3.00.)

*Political Map of Southeast Asia*. A new political contour-type map clearly defines the countries in this revolutionary area by highly visible, contrasting colors. Invaluable in pointing out the areas you will study in "Southeast Asia." Available in large and small sizes.

## Some Facts to Face

1. Indonesia is one of the world's greatest melting-pots. Its history has been determined by waves of immigrants from many parts of the world. Nevertheless, there is a fundamental unity of culture, partly due to climate and widespread intermingling of racial stocks, but mainly to a common way of life, which is primarily agricultural.

2. Throughout the centuries the peoples of this area have over and over again yielded to foreign conquest; yet they remain the one constant factor amid the changing events, and await the day when as free men they can participate in the larger life of mankind.

3. The islands of the South Pacific are one of the most strategic and valuable areas on the surface of the earth. Therefore the peoples who inhabit them are destined to be of great interest to all the world. The Church must be concerned with the people first and with land only in second place.

—The population of Malaya (Straits Settlements, Federated Malay States, Unfederated Malay States) is about five million. There are 770,000 Indians; the rest are about half Chinese and half Malay.

—The people of Singapore and Penang are mostly Chinese, with Indians second.

—About 48 million live on Java; about 9 million on Sumatra.

—The Malays are largely Moslems; the Chinese are Confucianists, Buddhists, and Taoists; the Indians are Hindus.

## Bible Portions

Isaiah 40:26.

M., Oct. 29. Go Ye. Mark 16:15-20.  
T., Oct. 30. Come Over. Acts 16:6-11.  
W., Oct. 31. Tell Ye. Isaiah 45:20-25.  
T., Nov. 1. Brethren Beloved. I Thessalonians 1:1-10.  
F., Nov. 2. Them Also. John 17:18-32.  
S., Nov. 3. Faithful Saints. Colossians 1:1-8.  
Sun., Nov. 4. Topic—Missions in Southeast Asia. Acts 8:5-8; Romans 1:14-17.

—Ninety per cent of the people of the Indies are Moslem; about two million are Christian.

## Malaysia Religion

Where is Malaysia? As you might expect, Malaysia is Asia where the Malays live, or better, where some form of the Malay language is spoken. Sumatra, Java, Bali, Borneo, and the Celebes are exotic and fascinating names.

The religious beliefs of primitive times still characterize many of these people today. They believed that everything and everyone has its "soul" or "life-energy." The purpose of cannibalism and headhunting was to appropriate the "life-energy" of the slain enemy. The soul at death was believed to hover within the community. And as the souls of the dead might be angered when their descendants failed to fulfill their duties towards the spirits, ancestor worship has remained the most important single feature of this religion. The activities of nature, too, are still thought to be the work of supernatural forces, mostly evil spirits, who must be appeased with offerings and whose anger must be avoided.

## Indonesia Religion

The first Indian colonists were Hindus in religion. By A.D. 400, Hinduism was the prevailing religion of Java. However, in Sumatra, and in the Malay peninsula, which was then under Sumatran control, Buddhism began to replace Brahmanism about the fifth or sixth century. And with the rise to power of the Sumatran kingdom, by the end of the 13th century, Buddhism became the dominant religion of Java also. Splendid architecture was built and literature and philosophy studied. Only picturesque little Bali was able to maintain its Brahman traditions against the impact of both Buddhism and Islam. To this day it remains the one Hindu island in the area.

Moslem traditions came with Arab merchants. With Islam came the Arabic language, which still maintains itself in some parts of the Malaysian world. And to this day great numbers of people in Malaysia, especially in the Netherlands Indies, profess the Moslem faith.

## Christianity Comes

The coming of the Christian Church to Malaysia is indeed characteristic of the march of the Christian faith around the world. There are noble stories of martyrdoms and thrilling accounts of Christian successes. Indeed, in the 20th century, the Protestant communities in the Dutch East Indies were larger than the total of those in any other land in the Far East, including Japan and China. Some three per cent of the population of the Indies is Christian. The number is more than two million.

## Worship Service

If possible use the service in the Guide "How to Use 'Day After Tomorrow'."





# Missionaries Are Real People

No. 2 in a Series: "Missions Are a 'Must' "

Acts 21:1-14

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

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Comments by Raymond C. Steinhart

## Briefing the Leader

1. Endeavor to secure the names and pictures of some of the missionaries of your own denomination and pin them up for your society to see.

2. Check your local missionary superintendent for additional information on the subject of "Missionaries are real people."

3. Write down your own ideas as to what in your mind makes a missionary. Is it going overseas? Is it helping others? What is it?

## Biblical References

We have one reference for our attention—Acts 21:1-14. Acts 22 deals with Paul's farewell to the Ephesians. He was reluctant to leave them, and they were reluctant to see him leave, and yet it had to be.

Without any difficulty they sailed directly to Coos, a famous Grecian Island. The next day they came to Rhodes, and then on to Patara, a famous port, the metropolis of Lycia. There they found a ship sailing to Phenicia, the very way they wanted to go. At Tyre they found some persons who had professed the Christian faith.

It is easy to learn a man's character from the sort of people he prefers to associate with, especially when he is away from home. At Tyre, Paul was advised not to go up to Jerusalem. Like every other Christian worker, he received a large amount of well-meant advice that he could not well take. It is sometimes as needful to say "No" to one's friends as it is to one's enemies. Paul said "No" when his friends wished him to turn back, but he said it courteously, tenderly, and prayerfully.

Here is a rich scene—full of friendliness and comfort. "And when our days there were ended, we departed and went on our way till we were outside the city; and kneeling down on the beach we prayed and bade one another farewell. Then we went on board, and they returned home." Note, the "they" refers to the wives and the children who came to say farewell to Paul. Though they had only seven days' acquaintance with him, yet, as if he had been some great man, they all came together, with their wives and children, solemnly to say goodbye to him, to ask his blessing, and to bring him on his way as far as the sea would permit.

We can learn from this incident that we should pay respect not only to the man who stands behind the sacred desk in the church of our love and choice but also to all ministers and missionaries of Jesus Christ. The Christians at Tyre brought their children to assist in the farewell to the Apostle Paul. Jesus also accepted the hosannas of the little children.

## Basic Material

This is the second and final topic in a series on "Missions Are a 'Must'." Today our minds are fixed upon God's honored servants, the missionaries of the Cross. "Mis-

## BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. In what countries does your denomination have missionaries? What Christian tasks do they perform and how are they supported?

2. What special training should the missionary have?

3. Do you believe a missionary should have a very definite call to mission work?

4. What would you consider a call for missionary work?

5. Does your Christian Endeavor society carry on any home mission work? If so, what do you do?

sionaries are real people." Let's think about it from several angles.

### 1. The Missionary Is a Human Vessel

It is possible for a person to be inhuman. It is also possible for a person to be gloriously transformed by the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Transformed by divine grace, one becomes a new creature, created to do good works. It is true that some human vessels have a greater potential or capacity for usefulness than others. Praise God for the Pauls, for the Spurgeons, the Finneys, the Moody's and the host of other Christian stalwarts through the ages. Their power came from God, and it is this power today which alone can make men fruitful in the service of Christ.

### 2. The Missionary Is a Consecrated Vessel

The missionary is set apart for God's use. He is God's property. He is to be the Gospel reproduced in character and conduct. His heart must be full of compassion. His mind must be clear to make great decisions. His hands must be ever ready to reach out to help the needy and to lift the fallen. His feet must be fast to carry the Gospel of good news to those in darkness. He has one aim and ambition, to please God and glorify Him in all that he does. The Persians have an interesting proverb, "Square yourself for use; a stone that will fit in the wall is not left in the way." So the missionary stands up to be numbered among those who will invest all their powers for the service of Jesus Christ.

### 3. The Missionary Is a Very Real Person

Let's take a look at some of them. The Rev. Samuel M. Zwemer, D.D., L.L.D., was a celebrated missionary to the Moslems.

Here is a real missionary and a real person. He is one of the leading authorities on Moslem lands, peoples, religion and literature. He was the 13th child of Adrian and Katherine (Boon) Zwemer. He is of Dutch descent. He was ordained a clergyman of the Reformed Church. From 1891 to 1905 he was missionary at Busrah, Baheim, and other stations in East Arabia. From 1913 to 1929 he was missionary in Egypt with headquarters at Cairo. He is a very real person.

Sir Wilfred Grenfell was born near Chester, England, February 28, 1865. His first medical missionary work was among the fishermen in the North Sea, where he had great difficulty in combating the inroads of the liquor traffic. His work was aided by the outfitting of the hospital ship *Albert*, which cruised among the fishing fleets around the famous Doggerbank regions. In 1892 he was assigned to medical mission work among the fishermen along the Labrador coast and the inhabitants of Labrador, which stretches 600 miles along the bleak, barren coast of Northeast Canada. After working for 24 years in Labrador, Dr. Grenfell found it necessary to retire in 1936.

Christian missions have had great influence in freeing the women of the Orient from a condition of ignorance and seclusion. Pandita Ramabai did much to educate, emancipate, and Christianize the women of India. Her family were high cast Hindus. She was born in the jungle of Gungamal, India, in 1858. At 12 years of age she could recite several thousand verses from the Purnas, the scriptures of Hinduism. She also learned the several leading languages of India. In 1883 she went to England. There she studied English and the Bible, and accepted Christianity. She died in 1928 and her work was taken over by the Christian and Missionary Alliance. She was a real person.

## Backing the Project

1. Why not plan a missionary conference? The secretary of your Board of Missions would be a key person to help you make contacts. Consult your pastor.

2. Why not get that Christmas box ready now so the missionaries will have it for Christmas time?

3. Set aside four Sunday nights and discuss one of the following missionaries on each night: Francis of Assisi, Raymond Lull, Count Von Zinzendorf, and Robert Morrison.

## Best Illustration

Recently a young doctor was embarking on a ship for China. Despite the pleas of his friends, he insisted on making the voyage. "Look," they said, "you are absolutely helpless against the suffering of that great nation. You will disappear in the vast mass of humanity." As he stepped up the gangplank, the young man gave his answer. "When it is dark about me, I do not curse at the darkness, I just light my candle."—*Magazine Digest*.

## Bible Meditations

M., Nov. 5. Like Passions. Acts 14:11-15.

T., Nov. 6. Human Frailties. II Corinthians 11:23-30.

W., Nov. 7. Ordinary Experiences. Romans 7:14-25.

T., Nov. 8. Common Desires. II Corinthians 12:7-9.

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# Missionaries Are Real People

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Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## What Does 'Missions' Mean to You?

What does "missions" mean to you? Are you really interested in world friendship? What do you do about it? Missions in your Christian Endeavor means studying about people in a certain geographical area of the world. It means giving to missions so that boys and girls in many places here at home and far away will have bread to eat and a place to sleep, and will know, perhaps for the first time, the love and understanding of Christian friends.

Missions means taking every opportunity in Christian Endeavor, in the locker room at school, and on the street to stop making fun of people of a minority group or class about whom we know very little. We don't need to be prissy about it. We need to be Christian.

## We Must Evangelize

We are not responsible for converting the world for that is the function of the Holy Spirit. However, we are responsible as Christians for evangelizing the world. The mission of the church is to carry the gospel to the farthest parts of the earth. Every unsaved soul is someone's responsibility. Some years ago when Amelia Earhart was lost in the Pacific, her last radioed word was "Hurry!" That is the word to us of every unsaved soul in the world.

In John's Gospel we have the record of many personal contacts that Jesus had when He was here on earth. To Nicodemus He disclosed the plan of salvation and revealed the necessity of being "born again." To the woman at the well He disclosed Himself as the Messiah for whom the world had waited hundreds of years. To the man at the Bethesda pool He disclosed that He could heal his soul as well as his body through faith and desire. To the blind man He not only gave physical but spiritual sight. All these are illustrations of our Lord's method of dealing with individuals, and show that Christ meets all needs if Christians will point individuals to Him.

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

## Missionaries Are Needed

Today in the middle of the 20th century Paul's faith does not seem so fantastic. The company of those who confess that "Jesus Christ is Lord" now circles the globe and has members in every remote corner of both Northern and Southern hemispheres. Among people on every continent and on the islands of the sea, among people of every race, in almost every nation on earth there are congregations of those who own Christ as Lord. We are still far short of that moment when "every knee should bow," but in our day, or the first time in history, the Christian church is within sight of accomplishment of the New Testament goal that the Gospel shall be preached "to the uttermost part of the earth."

## OUR AIM

1. To continue to study the missions unit on Southeast Asia.
2. To see what missionaries face today.
3. To meet some Christian heroes of far-away places.

## QUESTIONS

1. Why must Christians be interested in missions?
2. What are the qualities that make a good missionary?
3. Why is Southeast Asia of such concern to Christian Endeavor today?
4. Who are some heroes of missions in Southeast Asia?
5. What difficulties do missionaries face today?
6. Name some various types of missionaries needed in mission fields today.
7. What does one need to be a good missionary?

This has not been accomplished by accident but in the purpose and power of God through the work of devoted men and women. Like Paul, they believed that God had given to Jesus a name above every other name—and, like him, they lived for the day when that name should be known and acclaimed by men everywhere. In every generation and in every land they have gone forth, and gradually their witness has carried the knowledge of Christ around the world.

Today there is a fresh concern throughout the church that every person shall hear the Christian gospel. Everywhere individuals, commissions, denominations, and groups in local churches—including Christian Endeavor—are sharing in this study. They see evangelism, or winning others, at the heart of their job as Christians.

## Heroes Today

Have you heard of Gordon Seagrave—Burma Surgeon? When Gordon was a junior high boy, he knew just what he wanted to do when he was older. When he was twelve, his missionary family was spending their furlough year in Granville, Ohio. And the neighbors who saw him raising beans and chickens to earn money for his education, said "Missionary children always get a good education." Gordon knew just why he wanted that good education. The house in Granville was surrounded by a yard large enough for

a garden. The fact that the garden was one mass of rocks didn't seem to matter to his father. "Any future missionary," said he, "should know how to lay his hand to anything." The more difficult and nasty jobs you could handle the better missionary you would be. So Gordon cleared the land of rocks and raised so many beans that the grocery stores were filled with them, and the price of beans on the Granville market crashed. After 20 successful years as a surgeon in Northern Burma, he wrote the book, *Burma Surgeon*, which explained to those Granville neighbors and to all the world why he wanted an education that would prepare him for the jungles of Northern Burma.

In 1922 he and his wife set up a little 20-bed hospital in Namhkam. They had to learn Karen, Shan and Burmese languages. Patients came. He met unforeseen emergencies.

When the war came, and regular hospital work had to be given up, Dr. Seagrave and his nurses set up mobile ambulance units just behind the battlefields of Burma where they were needed most. It was then that the world began to hear about the Burma Surgeon and his famous nurses.

## Ludwig Nommensen

Ludwig Nommensen, one of the great pioneers in Christian history, came from the Rhenish Missionary Society in Germany to the Batak tribesmen of the island of Sumatra.

"You may stay for two years," said the local chief to Nommensen. "Then we'll decide whether you are to remain or not."

For two years Nommensen explained the teachings of the Bible. At the end of two years, the chief sent for the missionary. "The things that you have taught us are good," he said, "and you are our friend. But you have not shown us anything new. Your Christian *adat* is the same as ours." (*Adat* is the name for custom which rules the people more than law.)

"Your *adat* is like ours; in some ways it is true," said Nommensen. "Do you keep yours?" "No," the chief admitted. "We know what we ought to do but we don't do it."

"But my Master," said the missionary, quietly, "gives the *power* to keep His laws." For six months Nommensen taught one thing: the power of God. There are now 450,000 Batak Christians with their own independent church.

## The Great Tomorrow

Bruno Lasker, an outstanding authority on this area, says that Southeast Asia, long exploited by the white man, can become the scene of a great experiment in world co-operation in the use of natural resources, in protection of weaker peoples, and in the exchange of goods and ideas.

In his book, *Peoples of Southeast Asia*, Mr. Lasker says that a plan is necessary because no part of the world can be left alone these days to work out its own salvation without regard to the rest of the world.

## From God's Book

- M., Nov. 5. Like Passions. Acts 14:11-15.  
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# Thanks Be To God

Colossians 3:17; II Corinthians 9:8-15

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

NOVEMBER 1

Comments by Raymond C. Steinbart

## Briefing the Leader

1. Write down your ten best reasons why you should live a life of thanksgiving.
2. Ask about ten people what is the one big thing in their lives for which they are ever thankful.
3. Plan to make this service one of the finest. Give your meeting room the Thanksgiving touch.

## Biblical References

Two references are suggested in keeping with this topic, Colossians 3:17 and II Corinthians 9:8-15.

In Colossians 3 Paul is very sure that Christians, those who have received the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, were raised together with Christ and now admonished to live their Christianity daily before the world. We are chosen ones. The peace of Christ should rule in our hearts. The word of Christ should dwell in us richly. A spirit of thanksgiving should dominate our lives.

Colossians 3:17 is a law applicable to every action, word, thought, place, and circumstance. Here we have a concise rule in life which can never fail. This rule applies to those who are in Christ. The unconverted require a radical change before they can carry it out. You cannot walk as a believer if you have not believed. But having begun at the beginning, and taken the step of salvation by faith, we press on to the mark and prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus.

Thanksgiving is one of the most necessary and universal duties of a Christian. The proper object of gratitude is God.

In II Corinthians 9:8-15 Paul shows that God is an abundant provider. He wants us to know that God is able to provide us with every blessing in abundance. Paul speaks of Jesus Christ as the inexpressible gift. We were lost and none but Christ could find us; dead, and none but Christ could raise us up; sunk, and none but Christ could recover us; afar off, and none but Christ could bring us in; guilty, and none but Christ could procure for us a pardon. Here is a gift, Jesus Christ, for whom we are to return thanks to God.

Philip Henry said, "Thanksgiving is good, but thanksgiving is better." We ought to thank God for the gift of His Son. Do it with the gratitude of our hearts, with the praises of our lips, by the obedience of our lives.

## Basic Material

This is the traditional Thanksgiving Sunday in the United States. The man who claims he has little has much for which to be thankful. We can be thankful for a thankful spirit. Those who take their blessings for granted see no reason for a day of Thanksgiving. But there are some who really desire to be thankful, but the spirit of sadness holds sway in their hearts. The clouds have covered their sun. The light has gone out of their sky. The stars have lost their twinkle. They fear the worst. But somehow on Thanksgiving Day they begin to realize

## BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Discuss this statement: "Our great sin is our carefree assumption that we deserve what God gives and that we are free to do with it what we please."
2. Are we as generous in thanking God as we are in sharing with others the gifts He has shared with us?
3. Name the three important things in your life for which we are thankful.
4. What did Thanksgiving mean to you?
5. Are people less thankful today?

that not all has been darkness; and sometimes the sun did shine on their path, and the stars had a brilliant twinkle. On Thanksgiving Day they enter the gates of thanksgiving and the courts of praise.

There are others who are constantly thankful. They can place their fingers on the bright side of things. They see so many reasons for thanksgiving and they rejoice when they add them up. Blessings may fail and fortunes vary, but the thankful heart remains.

We condemn the Hebrews when we read of their ingratitude, and yet we imitate their conduct. When the manna first fell, and they saw abundance of food on the previously bare face of the desert, gratitude heaved in every breast; but how short a time elapsed until they began to look upon the manna in much the same light as we look upon the dews of the evening or the harvested crops, as something regular and customary, the denial of which might justify complaint, but the bestowal of which was not calculated to call forth thanksgiving. Because the water flowed with them through all their journey, so that the heat of a burning sun could not dry it up, nor the thirsting sand of the desert drink it up, just because it continued all the time as fresh and as cool as when it leapt from its parent rock, they came to regard it with as little wonder as we do the stream which may run past our dwelling.

You recall their experience with the pillar of cloud. It hung over them. The sun could not destroy it nor the wind drive it away, but they were not more grateful for it than we usually are for the light of the sun returning every morning. At evening time that pillar of cloud was kindled into a pillar of fire. They became as familiar with it as we are with the stars which God lights up nightly in His firmament. We become so used to some of these glorious wonders that

## Daily Readings

- M., Nov. 12. Thanks For Food. Psalm 65:9-13.  
T., Nov. 13. Thanks For Clothing. Matthew 6:28-30.  
W., Nov. 14. Thanks for Shelter. II Kings 4:8-13.  
T., Nov. 15. Thanks for Friends. II Samuel 1:25, 26.  
F., Nov. 16. Thanks For Church. Psalm 84:1-4, 10.  
S., Nov. 17. Thanks for Christ. II Corinthians 2:14-17.  
Sunday, Nov. 18. Topic—Thanks Be To God. Colossians 3:17; II Corinthians 9:8-15.

we no longer see them as an expression of God's care in our behalf. They should be constant source of thanksgiving.

1. We should thank God for our Excellency. Redeemer. See Him in the Gospels, oppressed with hunger; but He feeds the thousands in the desert, and He is the living and celestial Bread. He is parched with thirst, but He cried aloud, "If any one thirst let him come to me and drink"; and He promised to be a fountain unto all them that believe on His name and walk in His way. Matthew saw Him as a King. Mark sees Him as a Servant. Luke sees Him as the Son of Man. John sees Him as the Son of God. He is the Sun of righteousness with healing in His wings. He is the fairest among ten thousand. He is the Bright and Morning Star. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is a wonderful and most excellent Redeemer. He was born to bleed. He took our sin away, nailing them to His cross.

2. We should thank God for the Christian Endeavor movement. There are hosts of leaders within Christ's Church who continually thank God for the Christian Endeavor movement. Today we are better Christians, more serviceable to Christ and His church, and more loyal to His church because of the day someone introduced us to our first Christian Endeavor society. We know that wherever Christian Endeavor is properly conducted it will produce leaders. It was born and bred in the church and it trains people for work in the church. Thank God for our founder, Dr. Francis Edward Clark, and for others who stand in the gap for Christ at the Church.

3. We should thank God for His Church. We may criticize the church. We may declare it impotent. We may assail its leadership, but it is the best thing in the world today. It has a great message and a thrilling mission and its ministers tell out the simple story. Thank God for His Church.

## Backing the Project

1. Arrange for a Thanksgiving Day early morning breakfast sponsored by your Christian Endeavor society. Plan a special program.
2. Mail Thanksgiving cards to all the aged and shut-ins of your church.
3. Do something special for the children of your church during Thanksgiving week.

## Best Illustration

"Gratitude is one of those things that cannot be bought. It must be born with man or else all the obligations in the world will not create it."

Long years ago our Pilgrim ancestors had the custom of putting five grains of corn upon each empty plate before the Thanksgiving dinner was served. In answer to the question of their children, their parents explained that their forefathers had come to such distresses that there was an allowance per person of only five grains of corn to eat each day.—Religious Digest.

It is not a sin to have possessions, but it is a sin to be held in the grip of possessions.



# Thanks Be To God

I Corinthians 15:57; II Corinthians 2:8; 8-16



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

NOVEMBER 18

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## Be Different

Many societies may wish to invite in special guests to this Thanksgiving meeting, or combine it with an afternoon tea or a friendship hour after the evening service. Some groups will plan a special service on the evening before Thanksgiving or the morning of Thanksgiving Day and make a real contribution to the whole church program as well as start young people thinking about their own blessings.

## Thank God for Big Red Apples

The late Dr. William L. Stidger appeared in his pulpit one Sunday morning and when it came time to pray for the congregation he simply said, "Oh, Lord, we thank Thee this morning for big red apples. In Jesus' name, Amen."

As might have been expected, this strange prayer elicited a considerable amount of comment on the part of the congregation. Many people asked the preacher, "What did you mean by thanking God for big red apples?"

"I meant," the preacher replied, "that I was thankful for the common things of life which, though they are lovely, I am so likely to forget."

The Thanksgiving season makes us aware anew that every good and perfect gift comes from our Heavenly Father. Let us list a few of these gifts for which we are truly thankful:

### 1. Thankful to God for Life

This includes the great things God has given to us in the physical realm of life: health, food, opportunity, growth; the beauty of the world in which we live; plentiful harvest and the accompanying prosperity and comfort.

### 2. Thankful to God for Friends

Family, neighbors, teachers, each giving to us love, encouragement, help, inspiration—so much that we accept with scarcely a thought. As we are thankful for friends so we are thankful for a feeling of friendliness and brotherhood that is increasing with the years.

### 3. Thankful to God for our Country

It is noble in its ideals and fortunate in its Christian leaders past and present.

### 4. Thankful to God for Freedom and Peace

Though we are still aware of those signs which evidence discrimination—"Jews not desired," "whites only,"—we are discovering that the hate and envy which is so often lodged in our own hearts keeps us from perfect peace with God and our fellowmen.

### 5. Thankful to God for the Christian Church

The church has been the inspiration of men throughout the ages. For its lofty psalms and lovely hymns which help to give men new courage and hope in times of trouble and sorrow, we are increasingly grateful.

### 6. Thankful to God for Worship

First of all, we are grateful for the dauntless spirit of the Pilgrim Fathers. Their de-

## OUR AIM

1. To be prepared to properly observe Thanksgiving.

2. To develop an attitude of gratitude toward God that is a daily part of everyday life.

3. To list things that youth have that only God can give.

## QUESTIONS

1. What gifts has God bestowed upon all mankind for which we should be thankful?

2. Is life itself something to take for granted or something to be deeply appreciated?

3. What discoveries have been made which make possible longer and more healthful life? How do our chances to escape death from disease, especially contagious disease, compare with the chances of the Pilgrims?

4. Is friendship a gift given to all? How can we best use this gift? What do we miss if we limit our friendship to one class or nationality or race?

5. Think of our church and Christian Endeavor society. Have we any particular reason to be thankful for our religious heritage? What does the church and Christian Endeavor society do to make life more worth living in this world today?

6. Our country has, for generations, been called "the land of the free." We have prided ourselves upon the gift of liberty of thought and opinion. Is there any danger today that freedom of speech and of the press will be curtailed?

7. Do we really appreciate the blessings of peace in our land? How can we keep peace with other nations?

votion to God led them to brave the dangers of an unknown sea in order to have homes in a new land founded upon Christian principles and freedom to worship God as they desired. Likewise, we are thankful for those experiences of worship which have been ours in some beautiful sanctuary or atmosphere, in rich devotional periods even in humble meeting houses, in prayers and testimonial services of our own Christian Endeavor.

### 7. Thankful to God for Truth

The truths which we believe give life its meaning—such as—

1. God is in His world.
2. Life has meaning when related to a Cause.
3. God directs those who rely upon Him.
4. Men can be brothers through Christ.
5. The Kingdom of God is now.
6. Life is lived happily when one follows the virtues—humility, sincerity, purity.

## 8. Thankful to God not only for Work — but also the Unfinished Task

The world God envisions is not a completed product. It needs our minds, our hands, our feet, our time, our money, our faith, our prayers. How grateful we are that there are challenging things to do, unfinished tasks for whose completion God is counting on you, on me.

## Our Scripture

Study Paul's statements to the Corinthians in our assigned lesson. Discuss the ideas contained in these verses. Is God concerned about individuals as well as nations? What does Paul mean in his statement: "But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"? In the light of the answers to these questions, discuss the importance of thankfulness. Since God blesses us in many ways, what are some of the ways in which we can express our thankfulness?

Discuss with the group the importance of the fact that we can ask God for the things we need and that we are assured that He will do what is best for us. Then talk to them about the need of thanksgiving in the light of this.

## Subjects for Study

1. Jim has had polio and is a partial cripple. He cannot take part in athletics, and it tires him greatly just to get around for his daily activities. Though he has a good mind, he must struggle constantly to keep going. Does he have anything for which to be thankful? If he should ask you why he should celebrate Thanksgiving Day, what would you tell him?

2. Should your congregation have a Thanksgiving Day worship service? What reasons do you give for your answer? If there were to be a worship service would you attend? Would most of the young people of the church attend? Why would they attend, or, if they would not, what would keep them from attending? Do you think that the reasons given for this are good reasons?

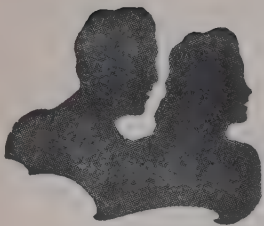
## Gifts

Perhaps it is the custom in your society to pack baskets of food for the needy at this time. Or to collect money and give food orders, cashable at some community store. Often it is more practical to give the food orders. In either case, let the gifts be given very quietly.

## Bible Meditations

- M., Nov. 12. Thanks For Food. Psalm 65:9-13.  
T., Nov. 13. Thanks For Clothing. Matthew 6:28-30.  
W., Nov. 14. Thanks for Shelter. II Kings 4:8-11.  
T., Nov. 15. Thanks for Friends. II Samuel 1:25, 26.  
F., Nov. 16. Thanks For Church. Psalm 84:1-4, 10.  
S., Nov. 17. Thanks for Christ. II Corinthians 9:11-15.  
Sun., Nov. 18. Topic—Thanks Be To God. I Corinthians 15:57; II Corinthians 2:8; 8:16.





# TV—Good and Bad

Matthew 5:29, 30; I John 2:15-17; Isaiah 40:26

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

NOVEMBER 2

Comments by Raymond C. Steinbart

## Briefing the Leader

1. Ask five persons the amount of time each spends in watching television.
2. Make a poll of your society to find out how many television sets are in the homes of the members.
3. What is your own opinion of television?
4. What programs would you recommend for children?

## Biblical References

Three references are suggested for our prayerful attention: Matthew 5:29, 30; I John 2:15-17; Isaiah 40:26. The first position is a part of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is speaking. We are instructed not only to be hearers of the Word, but also doers of the Word. In verses 27 to 32 we have an exposition of the seventh commandment. V. 28 suggests that there are lustful thoughts and dispositions. Such looks and such acts are very dangerous and destructive to the soul. This is the lesson taught us in verses 29 and 30.

Jesus refers to His followers as "Ye are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13). "Ye are the light of the world" (v. 14). We know the effectiveness of salt and light. We need both. Salt makes one thirsty. Seeing us, others should become thirsty for God and His holy will. What is there about us to cause people to hunger and thirst after God? What is there about our daily life that would cause others to desire to walk in the light as we are in the light?

In the second portion John is telling us to be dead to the world, be crucified to it, be mortified to the enticements of it. The heart of man is narrow and cannot contain love for the world and love for God. If the love of the world prevails, then the love of God dwindles and decays. The true follower of Jesus Christ must do the will of God and in doing that will he will abide forever when everything else passes away. Our great joy should be in a strong endeavor to do the will of God.

## Basic Material

We are told that the average person in the home with a television set spends four hours a day watching television programs. Thus in one week the average family would invest 28 hours in television.

Television is an accepted part of our environment. It does something to children, youth and older people. Ignoring it will not remove it. We must do something about it because we are quite sure it will do something with us.

Television was licensed for commercial use five months before Pearl Harbor; by the end of World War II there were six stations, and within two years after that there were 98. This indicates how the public has received it. It became known as "the poor man's night club." Even Hollywood was affected, for the producers were faced with

## BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. As viewers of television, what programs would you consider best for the development of the mind?
2. Who do you think should control religious televised programs—the station owners, or a council of churches? Why?
3. Do you think the deplorable condition of Sunday night church attendance is fully due to television? If not, what are some of the reasons why people prefer not to attend church on Sunday night?
4. What is your favorite religious TV program and why?
5. How much time do you spend watching television?

a new problem. People were staying home and the movies were feeling it. So the movie men came up with 3-D movies and Cinemascope, in an attempt to reverse the currents of jaded public interest back to the box office.

Not only has the movie industry felt the impact of television, but we are quite sure that Sunday night church services have received a terrible blow. We have seen families who once were loyal supporters of the Sunday night service gradually reduce their church attendance. Finally we saw them no longer. Many of these families have readily admitted that the invasion of television has done something strange to their home life, socially and religiously.

Years ago Great Britain completed a cable that reached to India. John Ruskin was asked to comment on the achievement. After saying that he was impressed, Ruskin baffled his questioners by asking a question of them, "What do you have to say to India?" Since we have television in the home, what does it have to say to us?

The top men in the television industry state that their objective is "Broad appeal—seeking for the common denominator of mass interest." The leaders in this field know very clearly that the trend in this direction will continue for some years to come.

We are told that more than 12,000 persons responded by telephone and mail to the appeal of religious decisions made by an evangelist in what he called "the world's first

television revival." This took place in Washington, D. C. Rev. Joe Uhrig said the 1954 revival produced as many as 500 telephone calls in a single night and about 80 pieces of mail daily during the campaign. He took the evangelist about a year to convince the management of the station that a television revival campaign was feasible. Similar revivals over television stations are being planned in other major cities, including New York. The Washington Television Revival was climaxed by a public mass meeting attended by about 3,000 at which some 30 decisions for Christ were made.

What has television done to you? This is a fair question. Has it affected your social life? What about your family? You will agree that the American home is not a theater or a night club, yet is nightly handed over to the kind of invasion that would make it so. The boast of one network is that it "brings the world right into your home." Here is great danger, especially for the child of God who wants to keep a good spiritual balance. We are admonished not to love the world.

Television has done the following: 1. It has brought about definite alterations in the pattern of family life. 2. We have become armchair spectators with no effort and no exercise of mind on our part. 3. We become flabby in mind and heart. 4. Our children are exposed to it in their most impressionable years. 5. It has broadened our intelligence. 6. It does provide entertainment. 7. It has made us selective—that it, we can easily turn the dial to another program or shut it off altogether. 8. It proves to viewers that the should have gone to bed instead of falling asleep while the program is going on. 9. We must discipline ourselves. 10. It has caused some people to realize that they are investing too much time looking at programs and not investing enough time for Christ and His Church. Television, good and bad, and we can count on it that the programs will increase, and we who watch must know what to do with the time God has given to us. We are stewards of time.

## Backing the Project

1. Arrange for a visit to a television station and don't hesitate to ask questions.
2. Sponsor a television set in one of your local hospitals.
3. Write letters to the networks stating your views on religious programs.

## Best Illustration

"Nothing is ours except time."—Seneca.

Taking a day off is easy, but how can you put it back.—Selected.

If you honestly believe your time is valuable you will demonstrate the fact by treating it that way.—R and R Magazine.

"Killing time" is not a sport, it is hard labor.—Roffe Thompson, John Bull (England).

## Bible References

- M., Nov. 19. Pleasant To The Eye. Genesis 3:6, 7.  
T., Nov. 20. Great Temptations. Deuteronomy 7:17-19.  
W., Nov. 21. No Wicked Thing. Psalm 101:1-3.  
T., Nov. 22. If Thine Eye Be Evil. Matthew 6:22, 23.  
F., Nov. 23. Abstain From All Appearance. I Thessalonians 5:21-24.  
S., Nov. 24. Looking Unto Jesus. Hebrews 12:1, 2.  
Sun., Nov. 25. Topic—TV—Good and Bad. Matthew 5:29, 30; I John 2:15-17; Isaiah 40:26.



# TV—Is It Worth the Time?

Matthew 5:29, 30; I John 2:15-17; Isaiah 40:26



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

NOVEMBER 25

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## o Introduce the Topic

On the Sunday before this topic is presented, ask the members to list their favorite television programs and television magazines. From these lists, select the leading voices of the group and mimeograph them for use by the buzz groups in the special discussion period. Have copies of the local TV programs on hand for use in the buzz groups.

## he Leader's Preparation

Television is the miracle which we take for granted! It is so much a part of our lives that we forget it is very little older than most of the members of our Christian Endeavor Society. To us it is commonplace: two generations ago it was the incredible fantasy of a dreamer. Because we are likely to take television for granted, we need occasionally to stop and think about the tremendous part it plays in our lives. What are the advantages of television? Could it ever be considered harmful, a possible source of danger? How much does its influence upon our lives depend upon ourselves? The discussion at this meeting should help to answer such questions as these.

## Have a Telecast

You might enjoy setting up your entire meeting as a telecast. Choose a cool, comfortable room and arrange it to represent a broadcasting station. Work out all the details of the meeting in line with TV procedure. The worship committee will enjoy choosing the Bible story for the worship period, one which lends itself to reproduction in the form of a play, and preparing the script. Brief talks will become "TV Addresses" and the discussion period a "Round Table Discussion."

## or Your Worship

Include a dramatic, TV play version of a Bible story. Use any of the Old Testament stories, the victory of Gideon, the romance of Ruth, the story of Esther, the story of Joseph, the story of Naaman and Elisha, for example. These stories all divide naturally into several parts which you can link together with music, in true TV-drama method. Almost any of the parables of Jesus can be arranged in the same fashion. The selection from the Psalms can be read with a softly played musical accompaniment.

A suggested scripture reading is Psalm 3:1-8.

## ook Over a Typical Week's TV Program

Get a TV GUIDE or other magazine for the current week (at your corner drug store). Look over a program for the week. What does it offer us? List the types of program as the members reply. Probably a list will include:

**News of the World**—Information about what is happening in every part of the earth.

**Educational Programs**—Information on music, art, scientific subjects, home economics,

## OUR AIM

1. To discover how to fill our leisure time well.
2. To evaluate TV programs as to their worth for the time invested.
3. To gain a yardstick for choosing TV programs of value.

## QUESTIONS

1. How should we choose TV programs? What difference does it make which program we watch?
2. Does TV help us to think or to escape from the necessity of thinking?
3. Is a program which offers a chance of money to lucky listeners a good thing?
4. Can we do anything to stop undesirable programs?
5. How does the content of television programs affect public issues?
6. What effect does choosing wisely have on the future of television in this country?
7. What is a good program? How can we choose wisely?
8. What can we do to develop group action?

agriculture. Information for purchases of food and clothing, etc.

**Entertainment**—Drama, variety, programs, humor, popular and classical music.

**Cultural Advantages**—Orchestras, operas, periods of art, literature and music appreciation.

**Religious Services**—Broadcasts of church services, great sermons, church music, evangelistic meetings.

Which type of program do we tune in most frequently? Why?

## The Christian's Responsibility

Every Christian should realize that his Christian faith is a part of all of his life. Everything that he says or does is related to the fact that Jesus is his Saviour and Lord. For this reason, even what we hear or see on radio or television must be judged in the light of this. Christian conduct deals not only with what we do but also with what we make of ourselves. So, we should fill our minds with things that are on a level with our Christian ideals.

*Proper dialing will bring one good entertainment.* Entertainment and recreation are important in the development of our Christian character. The old proverb that "all

work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" is true when applied to the life of many of us. Even Jesus took the time to be entertained in the home of his friends. (See Luke 10:38-42.) His outlook on life encourages us that we should seek for relaxation and entertainment. But, as Christians, we should look for that which builds up our bodies and minds so that we can be better and more mature Christians. (In view of these suggestions, discuss some ways of selecting what you will watch on television.) What kind of music will you select? Will you watch sports? What other kind of programs will be helpful?

*Proper dialing develops one's knowledge of world problems and some of their solutions.* (Discuss this subject with the group by telling about your own viewing habits.) Do you watch many educational programs? How much do you see the news and news commentators? If you watch regularly, what is your favorite program? What are some of the problems of the world with which Christian young people need to be acquainted? How can watching educational programs help them to arrive at some Christian answers to these problems? What should the Christian today know about Communism and its opposition to Christianity?

*Proper dialing helps us appreciate religion, music, art.* Television brings the gospel to people who are unable to attend church. It can do this with great benefit, yet no one should let radio or TV services take the place of his own attendance at the worship services of the church. Worship is not something at which one can be a spectator. He must participate along with others of like faith. Another caution is that one must be selective in the preaching and religious teaching that he hears. He should judge what is said or taught in the light of what the Bible itself teaches.

The great music of the centuries adds immensely to the enjoyment of the "good things of life." Many of these good things may be ours through TV if we know how to "dial with discretion."

## Resource for Discussion

At the end of 1953, a report on consumer expenditures in the United States for that year stated that Americans were estimated to have contributed \$1,296,000,000 to churches and religious organizations. During the same 12-month period, Americans were estimated to have spent \$2,234,000,000 for television sets (this figure does not include separate radio sets), and an additional \$476,000,000 to keep their television and radio sets in repair, making a total expenditure for purchase and repairs of \$2,810,000,000. If radio and television are more important to the pocketbooks of Americans than religion by a difference of \$1,514,000,000, they call for the careful consideration of American Christians, and other patriotic American citizens, with reference to their influence in our national life.

## Scripture Readings

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# Convention Scene For Ordination

Christian Endeavor and the Reformed Church in America combined forces on June 28 for the ordination of the Rev. Darrel Franken to the Reformed Church ministry. Christian Endeavor provided the event — the annual Michigan Christian Endeavor Convention — in the First Presbyterian Church Saginaw, Mich. The North Grand Rapids Classis of the Reformed Church was the ordaining body.



Mr. Franken, general secretary of the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union, is the son of a minister who is now working with Dutch immigrants in Winnipeg, Canada. A graduate of Central College, Pella, Iowa, Mr. Franken received his B.D. from Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Mich., in 1955. Following seminary he took a

year's graduate training in religious education at the University of Chicago Divinity School.

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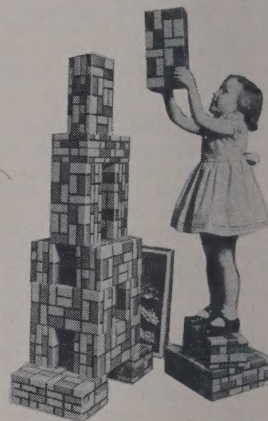
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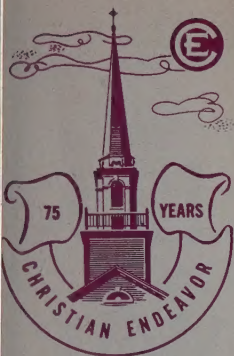
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